

THE WEATHER
Occasional rains and slightly warmer tonight. Tuesday probably occasional rain. Light south to southwest winds, probably increasing.

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THE LOWELL SUN

6 O'CLOCK

LOWELL, MASS. MONDAY JANUARY 4 1909

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NIGHT EDITION

REV. JOHN P. REYNOLDS

To be Transferred to Buffalo, New York

It was learned today that the following transfers have been made in the Oblate order. Rev. John P. Reynolds, O. M. I., formerly 1st assistant priest at the Immaculate Conception church, will be transferred to the Holy Angels church in Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. John O'Brien, O. M. I., will be transferred from the Sacred Heart parish to the Immaculate Conception church; Rev. Lawrence

A LOWELL FIRM DR. LAMOREUX

Was the Second Lowest Bidder of the School Board

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—Representatives of contracting and building firms crowded Judge James R. Dunbar's office Saturday noon to witness the opening of the second set of proposals for enlarging and altering the new court house.

Bids for this work were submitted several weeks ago, when E. T. Nesbit & Co. were the lowest bidders, but did not receive the contract. The appellate commission failed to approve the award to Connors Bros. of Lowell, and the court house enlargement commission called for new bids, the specifications being the same as before, except that the time allowed for the work was reduced to three months.

All the bids were taken to have been reduced when the proposals were opened. Nesbit & Co. were again the lowest bidders. No announcement of the award was made Saturday, the bids being taken under advisement. Following is a list of the bidders, with their proposals of Saturday, compared with those first made.

Firm	Present bid	Former bid
E. T. Nesbit & Co.	\$668,656	\$672,000
Connors Bros. Co.	\$71,000	\$62,345
Geo. A. Fuller Co.	\$69,900	\$69,900
Woodbury & Leighton	\$64,532	\$77,653
L. P. Sault & Son Co.	\$60,595	\$67,041
William Crane	\$65,285	\$70,492

THE ERB TRIAL

NODIA, Pa., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Florence Erb took the witness stand today in defense of herself and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, charged with the murder of Captain Erb at the Erb country home last October. When court adjourned Saturday, Mrs. Erb was under cross examination by District Attorney MacDade who was attempting to break down her story that her husband treated her cruelly and that he was shot by Mrs. Beisel in defending their lives.

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FARM HANDS

Seek to Recover a Year's Wages

In the police court this afternoon, civil session, there was begun before Judge Hadley a suit by Thomas Totton and Michael McAndrews against Bartholomew P. Dunn, of Dunstable, for one year's service as farm hands. They seek to recover \$250 each. James J. O'Donnell for plaintiffs and W. A. Hogan for defendants.

LOWELL MEN APPOINTED

Edward F. Slattery of the Matthews has been appointed a member of the public meetings and organization committee by Pres. Shea of the C. T. A. Union. Ex-Pres. John J. Coyne has been appointed a division aid at the union party in Boston next month.

POLAND WATER

For Sale by GEO. A. WILLSON & CO. F. and E. BAILEY & CO.

A BIG SENSATION

Mayor Brown Attacks Farnham's Administration

City hall resembled a beleaguered citadel this morning when Mayor-elect Brown and the city council of 1909

met in the council chamber shortly before noon and after being in session about twenty minutes adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

Stanley E. Qua was elected president of the common council and Frank M. Dowling re-elected clerk. Homer L. Tureotte was elected temporary clerk during the absence of Clerk Dowling. Attempts to ballot for superintendent of streets and member of the water board were defeated.

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and he was unanimously elected. Mr. Tureotte was then sworn in by President Qua.

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6 O'CLOCK CRUISER YANKEE

Commander Blamed for the Grounding of U. S. Boat

BOSTON, Jan. 1. That the grounding of the cruiser Yankee on Spindle rock at the western entrance of Buzzards bay on Sept. 23d last was due to the negligence of her commander was the substance of the charge read at the court martial today of Commander Charles Marsh, the commander of the Yankee at the time of the accident.

The court martial convened this afternoon in the by-ann at the Charles-town navy yard with Rear Admiral Nathan as president and Lieut. Commander Hovey as judge advocate.

Commander Marsh was represented by Lieut. Commander Bradshaw. After several charts of Buzzards bay had been placed before the board, Lieut. Gaston C. Johnston, who was officer of the deck and assistant navigating officer at the time of the accident, was called and repeated the greater portion of the testimony he gave before the board of inquiry two weeks ago.

He said that in the absence of the regular navigating officer he was assisting in the work but that Com-

mander Marsh was doing the greater part. He described the starting of the Yankee from her anchorage for Newport, the pulling in of the fog about 1 o'clock, the meeting of the steamer Nevada, Hampshire bound for New Bedford, and the effort to locate the Hen and Chickens lightship. He said that the Yankee was running about ten knots when the New Hampshire was heard ahead. Commander Marsh was plotting the course at the time and was in charge when the Yankee ran aground.

The second witness was Machinist Mate Newton, who was at the throttle of the main engine just before the accident. He told of the speed and the signals for stopping, backing, starting, and slowing down.

Chief Quartermaster C. Thomas

forth, who was on the bridge with Commander Marsh and Lieut. Johnston, and who stated that he assisted in the plotting, testified as to the courses, the weather and the time of the accident.

This closed the government side of the case, and the court adjourned for lunch.

HAVERHILL TEAM Leads in Merrimack Valley League

Haverhill now leads in the Merrimack Valley Duck Pin league with Lawrence a close second. Lowell in third place and Nashua bringing up the rear. The standings of Haverhill leads in the individual averages with Richardson of the local team in second place. The following is the standing of the teams and the individual players:

TEAM	STANDING	Won	Lost	P. C.
Haverhill	1	15	3	47.5
Lawrence	2	12	6	46.9
Lowell	3	10	8	47.1
Nashua	4	5	13	46.2

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Woodworth, Haverhill, 101; Richardson, Lowell, 99; Mason, Nashua, 98; Langre, Haverhill, 95; Kennedy, Lawrence, 96; Baker, Haverhill, 95; Brown, Haverhill, 95; Kelly, Lowell, 94; Guttridge, Lawrence, 91; Todd, Lawrence, 94; Coleman, Lowell, 94; Haggerty, Nashua, 93; Jewett, Lowell, 92; Michael, Nashua, 92; Travers, Nashua, 92; Curridge, Haverhill, 92; Smith, Lawrence, 92; Casey, Lawrence, 91; Smith, Lawrence, 91; Johnson, Lowell, 91; Williams, Nashua, 90; Boucher, Lowell, 89; Marble, Haverhill, 89; Dorr, Haverhill, 86; McQuesten, Nashua, 85.

The race for honors in the Catholic league is the closest ever held in any bowling league in this city. Week after week finds one or more teams tied for the first positions. This week the Y. M. C. U. C. and Y. M. C. U. are tied for first place, with the Belvideres in fourth place and within bowling distance of the top of the ladder. The standings of the teams and individuals is as follows:

TEAM	STANDING	Won	Lost	P. C.
Y. M. C. U. C.	1	12	3	63.6
Y. M. C. U. C.	2	12	3	63.6
Y. M. C. U. C.	3	12	3	63.6
Burkes	4	10	5	57.5
Alphons	5	10	5	57.5
St. Louis	6	10	5	57.5
St. John's	7	10	5	57.5

The games in the league for the week are:

Monday—K. of C. vs. St. John's.

Tuesday—Y. M. C. U. C. vs. C. M. A. C.

Wednesday—Alphons vs. Belvideres.

Thursday—Burkes vs. St. Peter's.

Friday—St. Louis vs. Y. M. C. U. C.

Individual averages:

T. Kelley, Y. M. C. U. C., 97; Coleman, Belvideres, 97; J. P. McDonald, K. of C., 96; Wynne, Burkes, 96; Boucher, C. M. A. C., 96; Moran, Y. M. C. U. C., 96; McQuesten, Nashua, 95; H. Farrell, Alphons, 95; Lebrun, C. M. A. C., 94; Cort, Y. M. C. U. C., 94; Concannon, K. of C., 93; Callahan, Y. M. C. U. C., 93; Bill King, Y. M. C. U. C., 93; Egan, Belvideres, 93; Decia, Alphons, 92; O'Brien, Y. M. C. U. C., 92; Bernardini, Burkes, 92; McLaughlin, Y. M. C. U. C., 92; Savage, K. of C., 92; A. Jodan, St. Louis, 91; T. Doyle, Belvideres, 91; Rice, Belvideres, 91; Harrington, Y. M. C. U. C., 91; Sheely, Y. M. C. U. C., 91; A. Dyer, St. Louis, 91; Mailoux, C. M. A. C., 91; Malone, St. Peter's, 91; Prappier, St. Louis, 90; W. Hamel, St. Louis, 90; Donahue, Alphons, 90; Lemieux, C. M. A. C., 90; Doyle, Y. M. C. U. C., 90; McQuade, St. John's, 90; Queenan, K. of C., 88; Payette, C. M. A. C., 88.

MINOR LEAGUE

The Cubs lead in the Minor league and the Red Sox club is in second place. When is high in the individual averages. The standing:

TEAM	STANDING	Won	Lost	P. C.
Cubs	1	12	3	78.6
Chestnut Club	2	11	4	70.0
National	3	10	5	68.0
Shawbluffs	4	10	5	68.0
Centralville	5	10	5	68.0
Frontenac	6	10	5	68.0
American	7	10	5	68.0

Wilson 28, Carnvale 24, McElroy 24, Hall 22, Perla 22, Choquette 22, Henderson 22, Clark 22, H. Demers 22, Connelly 21, Deleahanty 21, Sargent 21, W. Harrington 21, J. Murphy 20, A. Saunders 20, Keegan 20, Dwyer 20, McIntyre 20, Davis 20, Gilligan 20, Peterson 20, Phinney 20, Buckley 20, Carter 20, Richardson 20, Butterfield 20, T. Murphy 20, Johnson 20.

MAPLE CLUB

DEFEATED THE IDELWILDS AT HOCKEY

The Maple club hockey team defeated the team representing the Idelwilds by a score of 7 to 1. Saturday afternoon, W. Marotte of the winning team was the star performer of the game. The lineup and summary:

Maple Club	Idelwilds
Regan f	f G. Marcotte
Plamagan f	f Holton
J. Regan f	f Gill
M. Marcotte f	f Crawford
Mahone f	f Madden
Shurup p	cp Sullivan
Sayers g	p Birrell
	g Shanahan

Score—Maple Club 7, Idelwilds 1. Goals—By W. Marotte 3, Mahone 2, Regan, Shurup, Holton. Time—Two 20-min. periods. Referee—John Crowley. Timekeeper and scorer—John Neeson.

INDIANS WON

The Indians defeated the Eagles in a very close and exciting game of hockey on the Concord river Saturday afternoon. The score being 2 to 0, in favor of the Redskins. The lineup and summary:

Indians	Eagles
Thorn f	f Farnum
Quinn f	f Hill
McIntyre f	f Carney
Shanklin p	cp A. Olson
Shandling p	cp W. East
	g P. Post

Score—Indians 2, Eagles 0. Goals—By Shinkwin, McIntyre. Referee—Blakely. Time—Two 20-min. periods.

PRES. CASTRO

WAS OPERATED ON IN BERLIN TODAY

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Former President Castro of Venezuela was operated on in this city by Dr. Israel, the German specialist for the kidney complaint with which he is suffering. The operation is designed to overcome the effects of an unsuccessful one performed in Venezuela about a year ago.

The present operation was regarded as so dangerous that before submitting to it Castro caused the following statement to be given out:

"This operation is to be performed so that the whole world may know I did not come to Germany in order to shirk responsibility and much less because I imagined for a single moment that I was going to happen in Venezuela during my absence."

THE FUND GROWS More Money for the Earthquake Sufferers

In the main fund for the relief of the victims of the earthquake in Italy the total has made considerable increase since Saturday night, when the amount reached \$175,175. In all of the Catholic churches of the city, collections were taken up and the sum realized is about \$2000. St. Peter's church leads with \$425 and those of the other churches follow: St. Patrick's, \$100; Immaculate Conception, \$200; Sacred Heart church, \$261; St. Michael's church, \$250; St. Anthony's (Portuguese) church, \$75; Holy Trinity (Polish) church, \$20. The pastors of St. Louis church and the Notre Dame de Lourdes could not be seen, while at St. Joseph's rectory it was stated that the contributions in St. Jean de Baptiste and St. Joseph's church would aggregate \$200. This money was sent today to the chancellor of the archdiocese of Boston and will be forwarded at once to the earthquake sufferers in Sicily.

Only a few of the Protestant churches could report today of the collections taken on for the Italian sufferers, but those that did, reported a fairly large sum which is enumerated in the new list given below.

It is expected that quite a sum of money will yet be realized from collections at the different mills of Lowell which will be turned over to the committee later on. Mr. Charles A. Mitchell of the Bon Marche started the movement in the big stores of Lowell by a subscription of \$100.

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Mr. Motley of the above committee is also a member of the state committee appointed by the governor.

The new contributions and the total up to date follow:

Previous list	Amount
Friend	\$1754.75
Dr. W. H. Peph	1.50
O. H. Perry	1.00
Albert G. Swan	1.00
Joseph L. Cushing	1.00
Friend	.65
Anthony Robinson	2.00
A. G. Walsh	1.00
G. L.	1.00
Charles H. Allen	50.00
C. E. Kelly	2.00
Elizabeth McDaniels	2.00
M. A. Gage	2.00
J. W. Cole	1.00
C. M. Childs	1.00
Coburn Mission	1.00
Y. P. S. of Coburn Mission	5.00
L. Thompson	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wood	2.00
R. E. K.	2.00
A. M. Rountree	1.00
David Dewar	1.00
High Street Church	69.77
High Street Sunday School	5.83
James Bayles	2.50
Four Friends	2.50
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Mayor's Office,
Jan. 4, 1909.

Dear Sir: I hereby request your resignation as a member of the board of health, the same to take effect forthwith. It is my belief that the board as it is at present constituted has lost the public confidence and that the health

department conditions cannot be materially improved until proper changes have been made in the board. I trust that in a spirit of fairness to me and to the people of our city who desire better conditions, your resignation will be sent to this office, as an evidence that you really have at heart the best interests of the city.

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Members of the City Council, City
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It has long been the custom for the mayor of the city, upon taking the oath of office, to deliver an inaugural address. As a rule this has been largely a review of the work of the various departments with suggestions for the ensuing year. It has seemed to me to be my duty today to discuss frankly and at some length those departments that have been in the public eye for many months past, and to ask your cooperation in carrying out such reforms as the citizens have a right to expect.

Before doing so I wish to express my full confidence in the board of aldermen and common council elected to serve with me during the coming twelve months. I believe that you realize with me that we are placed here in a position of trust as the expression of an aroused public sentiment, and that we must be influenced in our actions during the year, not by the wishes of the few who may have selfish interests at stake, but by the opinion of the majority. In this way only can a city have popular government. If I speak plainly in what I am about to say, it is because I voice what has so often been said unofficially by our citizens during the past few months.

Police Board

I call to your attention the present unfair methods which exist in the matter of granting liquor licenses in our city. This is a subject which I shall handle without kid gloves. I intend to give the greatest publicity to this and to every other evil existing in Lowell, when no better method can be employed to destroy dangerous influences that have developed under a bushel. I shall throw the limelight upon every man and method under suspicion. My acts in this, as in every other performance of my duty, will be open and public, and there will be no star chamber sessions in the mayor's office or elsewhere down town, as has been the case many times in the past when important acts were to be undertaken, or serious decisions made. We will begin by stopping these things in the mayor's office, and I will compel other departments, including our police board, to transact their business in the open, for it is all the people's business, and you citizens have a right to know what is going on.

I told the people that I had accepted no contributions for my campaign from brewers, wholesalers, or liquor dealers, from heads of departments or employees of the same, or from men who sold supplies to the city, and I did this because I wanted to enter upon my duties here without a single string attached. I did not promise a single office or favor to a single individual, and hence therefore no promises to keep, except those I made to the people to be their honest servant. Today I begin my first term of office, freer, I believe, than any man who ever served you, because I am absolutely free. I can be held therefore personally responsible for every act, for every appointment I make, and for every word I utter. I owe favors only to the people of Lowell who elected me, and I begin today to keep my pledges by making an analysis of the contemptible and dishonorable methods which have been used by the liquor interests in their determined attempts to control the liquor business of our city, and to corrupt our public officials.

There is existing in Lowell today a monopoly in the liquor business, the brewers and wholesalers having obtained control of a majority of the licenses. As mayor of the city it is my duty to find out how they did this, and, if possible, to break their dominion. The law allows the police board to grant not over 24 licenses on the first of May, and these licenses should be the property of citizens who have the money to buy and own them, and would be free to sell any kind of liquors they desired, and to sell pure liquors.

Under the present conditions the 24 licenses are not under the control of 24 business men, as they should be by law, but are owned or controlled for the most part by the wholesalers and brewers, who must find illegal means of getting possession of licenses. It is plain to see that a majority of the liquor dealers are subservient to the dictation of their masters, the wholesalers, that they can sell only one kind of beer or certain kinds of whiskeys, and that they are obliged to deposit their money in one place. What do these facts indicate? They show that the supposed proprietors of liquor stores and bar-rooms are in reality but the paid agents of the brewers and wholesalers, that they do not own their own licenses or control their own business, and that they represent the brewers and wholesalers who have advanced the money and means, who exerted the necessary influence, that enabled them to gain possession of the licenses. While there is sufficient circumstantial evidence to prove this, I am personally convinced of it through investigations I made when a member of the police department.

The people of Lowell voted license by a substantial majority at the last election, and by law the liquor dealers are allowed certain rights and privileges. There seems to be but little question that these rights have always been protected. Former police boards have shown a warm desire to protect the liquor men, and public investigations have proven, but what about the rights of the people? Police boards ought to think of the interests of the people first, and should never consider themselves appointed to represent the brewery and liquor interests.

Have the brewers and wholesalers any right to gain a monopoly of the liquor business in Lowell? They have neither a moral nor a legal right to own over half of your liquor licenses, crowding out the independent saloon keeper who has had no chance in the past to get a license unless he was "in with the crowd." Is not the interest of your independent saloon keeper as worthy of protection as the interests of your wealthy brewers and wholesalers? Have police boards any right to allow brewers and wholesalers to gain a corrupt monopoly of the liquor

business in any city? Why have our police and license commissions perpetuated this evil system, when it was in their power at any time to put a stop to it? Why have our license commissioners continually granted licenses to fake hotels which allowed the latter to carry on a profitable liquor business? Has it been because the fake hotels were controlled by the brewers and wholesalers, and because the dictation of these was enough to gain a point even in the face of a public sentiment strong in opposition? The growth of this monopoly has been steady and unquestionable methods have been used to perpetuate it. Our city officials have felt its touch. Even our non-partisan dailies agree that the domination of politics has become notorious, and should be stopped. I know of instances where there has been evidence of connivance of police boards with brewers and wholesalers in the cases where objections were made by business men against saloons controlled by these corrupt interests, but in the face of these objections licenses were granted by evasion or quibble.

My experience with liquor squads during the last six years has been that they are excellent auxiliaries for the brewers and wholesalers. Men pointed on these squads have been named apparently by dictating interests, and in consequence they have failed to perform their duty to the people. What does it mean when you have men on your liquor squads who are known to be in sympathy with the brewery interests? What does it mean

when your police board names men to act in the important capacity of liquor inspectors, who, at public hearings have been shown to be incompetent, and to have been appointed through political pull and not on merit? And then you see some of these inspectors, after being publicly discredited on their own testimony, promoted to be superior officers in the department. Are they promoted by the dictating interests in payment for services rendered? Do not these things point strongly to bribery control, and do they not emphasize the danger of allowing this monopoly to longer exist?

I believe that the police department should be reorganized before it can be worth to the people of Lowell the big price that is being paid for its maintenance. Having been myself a patrolman until within a comparatively short time, I am aware of the lack of discipline among the men of the force today. This unfortunate situation has been caused, I believe, by the recent political acts of police boards. In promoting men through political pull and not on merit, and by the acts of superior officers, who have used more brains than brawn, who have been indiscreet, and who have been lacking in good judgment and tact. The discipline of the department has not improved during the last year. Superior officers during political campaigns have gone about in uniform brow-beating patrolmen into line, and insulting and abusing those who refused to follow their lead, after word had been passed down from somewhere which candidate to

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I have much fault to find with the methods of other superior officers on duty at the police station, who have given indication of incapacity, in many ways, more evidence that the department is poor in its discipline. As mayor of Lowell I believe that I have the power to compel every city servant to give courteous treatment to citizens whenever they make any call upon them. I know it to be true that unfortunate men and humble women who have called at the police station to seek information, or to report cases that needed the immediate attention of the superior officers on duty there, have been treated with scant courtesy, and even with brutality. This same discourtesy is shown too often by patrolmen on their beats when humble citizens approach them. This condition must be changed, or our department will reach a state of inefficiency it costs nothing to be kind and courte-

ous. In marked contrast to the treatment accorded the humble citizen is the reception which your liquor agent, or politician gets when he pays a visit to the Market street station. He has the use of the private offices, and obtains the attention and services of your officers, and your humble citizen who seeks redress or advice either waits or gets out.

I believe that the methods in use at our police station in the cases of prisoners are entirely behind the times, and would not be employed by superior officers of good judgment and tact. Every prisoner has certain rights under the law which too often are not recognized by your superior officers. I am opposed to the brow-beating, third degree methods used on prisoners by superior officers who are not able by tact and headwork to elicit information, but resort to brutal methods in their ignorance of the rights of the prisoner. These things are known to your police board and should have been corrected long ago. They are the common talk of your patrolmen, and in large measure have contributed to the break in the discipline of the department.

I wish to call to your attention another condition existing today which your police board must be cognizant of, and which seems to prove that your city servants of the police department show too much good-will toward the liquor interests. When I was a member of the liquor squad last year, I was sent to the hotel men in the order of the police board then in office, to double the price of beer on

Sunday. The price went up willingly enough, and it has remained up, and the profits of your brewers and wholesalers, through a fake hotel business that has reached thriving proportions, have been materially increased. If this is not a proof of the dictation of corrupt interests, it must at least have been an indication of undue interest in the liquor business by your police board. And why have succeeding police boards allowed this condition to continue when a word from them would eliminate this extra profit on Sunday beer, which your poor man "guest" pays out of his weekly wage.

I say to the people of Lowell today with all earnestness, that I consider it an obligation they have placed upon me to investigate these matters, and to use my official power, as far as I can, to stop the corrupt methods of the liquor interests. I shall undertake this in due time and ask the support of all the citizens of our city in this great undertaking.

Board of Health

It is my opinion that the board of health and the health department should be subjected to a searching investigation in view of the pernicious political activity which has apparently lessened the effectiveness of the work of that department during the last two years. If there is a single department in the city that should be free from politics, it is the health department, the functions of which in the interests of the entire community, are great enough, if honestly performed, to

require the entire attention of a board of three men.

I shall investigate the Board of health and the department, as I am empowered to do by the city charter, and will endeavor to ascertain the reason why this department has resolved itself into a political machine. The actions of certain members of the board of health have been notoriously political, and there are strong indications that the department is in a crippled condition in consequence. I am of the opinion that the people of Lowell are sick and tired of this sort of thing. It is evident that political pull, and the repayment of political debts have figured in the promotion and removal of men employed in the department, and that merit has not been considered of paramount importance. This is true of other departments in the city, and as mayor of Lowell I intend to use all my power to put a stop to a system of political coercion which has grown to dangerous proportions during the last six years. The personnel of the board during the last two years has not been up to the standard of services required by the important duties that are devolved upon it. It is easy to find the reason for this. Your chief executives have made it a practice to appoint men to these offices at the dictation of men behind, and in payment of political favors, instead of naming officials of integrity, honor, and a proper sense of public duty.

In consequence of the deplorable effort to perpetuate themselves in power, and to make political machines out of public commissions and boards, the people have not had honest representation, but interests antagonistic to the people and to the public good have been represented instead. On the other hand it is evident that men have sought the office because of the salary attached, and not because they had a good public spirit. I make these deductions from existing conditions in the health department, and they are known to all of you only too well.

It shall be my purpose during my administration, and in keeping with the pledges I made to you when a candidate in the recent campaign, to give these alleged political machines that have grown up at city hall, a thorough investigation and cleaning out, and it will be necessary for me to do away in many cases upon the support of the city government, the members of which were elected to back me up in the measures which I gave publicity during the campaign. I feel certain that the aldermen and councilmen will realize the seriousness of this, and will give me the right hand in all the important matters which are for the public welfare. I shall not be turned from my purpose to serve the people who have elected me, and there is no better way to begin than for us to give back to the people city departments which belong to them, but which appear to have been stolen in the night.

Any official who plays politics during the year, when he should be giving his entire attention to the duties of his office, is unfit to serve the people in any capacity, and I shall consider it sufficient cause for removal if such charges are made and sustained in the case of any public servant. I shall not change my position upon this point.

In considering the board of health as one of the most important of the city commissions, I believe the city council and the people who elected us both will agree with me, that this board should be removed entirely from politics. I am not convinced that the board as it is at present constituted, is in a position to devote itself solely to the public welfare. While, during the past few days, there has been an activity among its members, on matters affecting the public health, in somewhat sharp contrast to the inactivity that has prevailed during the past year, it is the opinion, I believe, of a majority of the citizens that certain acts of this same board in reference to what is known as the "Garvey matter," have not safeguarded the interests of the city. This peculiar circumstance confronts the health department. The court has decided that a man formerly working for the department, and now no longer actually performing labor, is still entitled to compensation at the rate of \$24.50 a week. This matter, which goes to a higher court on an appeal, cannot be definitely settled in less time than several months, and may be under controversy for two years. If it is finally decided that Mr. Garvey is entitled to compensation for all that time, the city must pay the bill. The matter appeals to me, as it does to the average citizen, as being very simple. If Mr. Garvey is put back to work, pending the final decision on the case, or until such time as he is properly removed for cause, then the city will not sustain any more actual loss, whichever way the court may rule.

I do not purpose to allow this matter to drag along even a few weeks, and for this reason I shall later in the day ask for the resignation of two members of the board of health. I shall take this action on the ground that the board, as it is at present constituted, has lost the public confidence, and I trust that in the same spirit, the resignations will be sent to me as an evidence that these officials really have the public interests solely at heart.

Municipal Register

The problem of the unemployed must be solved by all municipalities, and Lowell must face the issue this year with the purpose in view of assisting the men and women of our city, who, though willing to work, are unable to obtain positions. This matter I intend to take up in a practical manner. My idea of a municipal register, which will be virtually a city free employment bureau, answers, I believe, a purpose, and I feel certain that it will meet with the approval of a majority of the citizens.

I believe that an employment register should be kept at city hall for the unemployed. There is always a large number of people in Lowell out of work, and if anyone is in doubt of this it is only necessary to see the large numbers of men and women of all ages, especially at certain times of the year when work is dull, who spend fruitless hours at the shops and mills in search of steady employment. I have in Lowell hundreds of homes of poverty. The distress could be alleviated in many cases if these unfortunate ones were assisted in their hunt for work, and if this could be done by the city it would be a long step in the direction of practical charity.

The register could be managed and operated with little or no expense to the city, possibly by the clerk of committees, and the good that would be done to our own people would more than compensate for the trouble. My idea would be to have all the unemployed, and register their names, addresses, ages, occupations, former employment, recommendations (if any, but not necessary), and what other employment would be acceptable. At the end of each week it would be my idea to publish in the daily papers a list of the names of the unemployed, not their names, so that the employers, employers, householders, and business men would be able to see at a glance a list that would be invaluable to them. It would be possible for an employment bureau to place many people in positions during the year, and we would have the satisfaction of doing good great enough, if honestly performed, to

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ALDERMAN STEVENS



ALDERMAN GRAY



ALDERMAN CHENEY



ALDERMAN ADAMS



MAYOR GEORGE H. BROWN.



ALDERMAN TURNER



ALDERMAN BADGER



ALDERMAN WAINWRIGHT



ALDERMAN DEXTER



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where it is most needed. It would be better to help our men and women to get work than to make them paupers in the sight of the law, or pay money out of our charity department to aid them.

One of the harmful influences exerted by members of the city governments in the past has been the power wielded to control department heads in placing men in positions as a payment for political favors. There have been many instances, and there are today in many departments, I believe, of men being put to work by department heads because they were told to do so by aldermen or councilmen. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I am opposed to any of our aldermen or councilmen asking our heads of departments to find employment for their political friends. It is not the purpose of the city government to find employment for its political friends. It is the purpose of the city government to find employment for its citizens. We do not want political jobs made out of the positions in the street department, the health department, and the others. If we have a municipal register, members of the city government who are beset by the city government to find employment for their political friends, they can send them to the municipal register department, and the honest ones will take advantage of this opportunity to get aid in seeking employment. The practical use of the register, however, would be to keep the unemployed and the employers in close touch with each other by the method of publicity which would be of mutual benefit.

Water Board

An investigation of a bribery charge by the grand jury during the last year, which resulted in the conviction of one member of that board, leads me to believe that there are other acts of the water board which should be looked into, and I intend to make an investigation of that department in the interests of the people of Lowell. This certainly should have been done during the last year. I believe that the acts of this board have been squandered and on the level, the members will welcome an investigation. I guarantee that by the time we have made a careful study of the water department work, the citizens will be getting light on subjects that have not been public property, as they should have been.

Charter Revision

I am of the opinion that our present city charter is old fashioned and that a careful revision is absolutely necessary. It is apparent that there is a public sentiment at this time favorable to a revision, a sentiment that has grown tremendously during the last year. I believe that it would be a mistake to take this matter up in haste, but upon my own responsibility I will give it attention during my administration. I shall set a committee of citizens to hear upon the question of charter revision, and shall invite all the citizens to attend and to express themselves on this important question. Lowell should be run by the many and not by the few, and these important questions should be decided by the people and not by a coterie of men, by any one organization, or by the newspapers. The entire consensus of opinion of the people should be first obtained on such important questions. I believe that public hearings are the only practical method of obtaining this result.

Huntington Hall

I recommend the immediate rebuilding of Huntington hall to carry out the expressed wish of the voters three years ago. Nothing has been done to satisfy the desires of our citizens in this respect, and as chairman ex-officio of the Huntington hall commission, I shall demand results. This matter should not be held up any longer. There is a building fund of practically \$50,000 set aside for the rebuilding of Huntington hall. My only desire is to carry out the will of the great majority of our citizens. I believe that the people ought to be allowed to say something about selecting a site for a new hall. This would give more general satisfaction than having any commission or committee settle the matter definitely. The commission should select at least three sites in different sections of the downtown district, and then the people should be allowed to give an expression of opinion, public sentiment being taken as a guide to final selection.

Assessors

I wish to impress upon you the importance which should be attached to the selection of a principal assessor, one of your initial duties of the year. I am of the impression that our assessors' department, or at least its methods, should be improved. Our present financial condition is unsatisfactory, and our assessors have more to do with helping us in this matter than with collecting taxes. Our taxes have not been assessed on a proper budget, apparently, and I believe that there has been unfair taxation and favoritism shown. Our downtown property, in many instances, has not been assessed at a proper figure, and the burden has fallen on the small taxpayer in the residential districts. I believe that the assessors have shifted too many of their most important duties to the shoulders of their assistants. At any rate there are indications of neglect, as well as serious defects in the system of assessing. We want men in that department who will devote their whole time to their duties, who will perform their duties without favoritism to the big property owner by which the small taxpayer suffers. If this department did its work more efficiently, and our other departments were compelled to live within their appropriations, there would be no need of the city borrowing year after year. I believe that the assessors have overlooked too many tax delinquents in the past years. Over 200 citizens are in arrears for last year's taxes, and the men come forward to say no and to qualify to vote. While the poll tax money does not remain in our city treasury, half of it being turned over to the state and county expense, the burden of taxation is only increased if we, as a city, are delinquent in our duty in this respect.

It seems to me that a complaint that there is difficulty at times to obtain information at the assessors' office on matters relating to taxes and property, for so many of our citizens have reported.

Registrars

The public accusations of wholesale bribery of jurors made by one of our citizens, which seems to have foundation in fact, brings me to call your attention to the importance of our board of registrars and other officials

who have to do with the drawing of jurors, to make sure that the statutes of the commonwealth are lived up to. I am of the opinion that the registrars could put a little more time into making up the voting list, so that it will not be necessary to drop as many names as has been the custom each year. Let the registrars do a little more personal investigation, and the more persons will appear for service. The registrars, like all of us here at city hall, are but the servants of the people.

Appointments

I shall be called upon during the coming year to make appointments to important offices in the city departments and in naming men to serve you I shall have but one motive. My appointments shall be for the interest of the people and not for political ends. In this respect I shall not follow the precedents of my predecessors, who, in many instances, many of them of an official character, have placed political henchmen in office for the sole purpose of perpetuating themselves in power, and in payment of political debts. For years our chief executives have imposed upon the credibility of the people, and under the guise of serving them have placed men in office who have not been faithful to their duties, because they have been the puppets of dictating and corrupt interests, and have moved because strings were pulled. Here is found the real reason for the deficiency existing in many of our departments, who have been shown to be mismanagers. I shall hold all my appointments personally responsible for the proper discharge of their duties.

Park Commission

I am of the opinion that the park commission, as it is at present constituted, is ideal, and I take pleasure at this time in commending the members of that board for their efficient work for the best interests of the people. These men, who are representative citizens, have given us a strong argument in favor of abolishing salaries of members of our board, where there has been evidence that the personnel has been lowered because men sought the office for what there was in it, and not for what they could do to serve the people.

Auditor's Department

I desire to commend City Auditor Charles B. Paige for his ability in showing a system of accounting in his department, so that it has been brought up to as near the uniform system as the ordinances of the city will allow. It is fitting that we recognize good service.

Public Service Corporations.

Conditions in the service of our public corporations, the railways and the roads, have not improved during the last four years as we would like to have them, and I believe that it is our business, as mayor and city government, to give special attention to every matter of this kind affecting the comfort and convenience of our citizens, and the business development of our city. I fear that these public service corporations cater more to the profits of their stockholders than to the interest of the people.

I am against any bull-dozing methods which the paid attorneys of some of these corporations attempt to use in their efforts to gain favors and franchises from the city. I have learned that during the last two years and before that, aldermen and councilmen who dared to work or vote against the wishes for these paid attorneys have been threatened with political ruin, and other things. I give fair warning that those methods will not be tolerated during my administration. We will have fair play and honest methods in our business with our public service corporations, or we will know the reason why.

We must exercise an energetic watchfulness in protecting the business interests of Lowell. Public corporations should not infringe upon the rights of the people, nor should they profit. The time has come when our officials must realize that there is an awakened public conscience, and that the people will stand no longer for abuses. Some of our corporations seem less willing to give us better service, to say nothing of improved facilities, and are demanded by changed conditions.

Lowell is a city that deserves better freight and passenger facilities, in view of its size and prominence as a manufacturing center. This city is fifth in size in the state, yet compare its freight and passenger facilities with those of Boston, Springfield, Manchester, N. H., and Portland, Me.

Radical measures should be taken to compel the Boston & Maine to improve all of its service. Lowell should, in reality, be a railroad center, and I believe that if our citizens demanded it, we would get a union depot here of all our railroads.

As an evidence of a lack of thoughtfulness, for instance, on the part of the Boston & Maine officials, we have a depot in Middlesex street that is not any better lighted than the depots in some of our small towns. This depot should be brilliantly lighted inside and out, and in order that we, as a city government, bent on bettering certain conditions, may assist in making material improvement in this locality. I suggest that the streets within a radius of 300 or 400 feet of the depot should also have immediate attention with reference to the lighting. Civic pride demands that this section be brilliantly illuminated at night. Present conditions give visitors a poor impression of our city. With better lighting in this locality it would be free from pickpockets and criminals. At the present time this section around the depot is one of the worst in the city, and is so considered in police circles. If something of this character is not done, better police service will be required during the busy hours of the day and night. I am of the opinion that the Boston & Maine should have its own police officers on duty at the depot, as in other cities.

I believe that the Boston & Northern Railway company can easily give better service during rush hours, if the officials of that corporation give the matter a little attention. There seems to be no attempt made to provide seats for all the passengers, neither is a sufficient number of cars provided. It is not asking too much to urge upon the corporation the advisability of serving us a little better, in view of the valuable gifts which the people have made them in the form of franchise privileges.

During the past year the board of trade has had under consideration questions involving better freight and passenger service between Lowell and Boston, and has protested against the increase in express charges. In the opinion of many business men and private citizens, Lowell has never been accorded the consideration that a city of its size and commercial importance demands, and has been treated with a freight charge from the water, in favor of any movement, and believe that the city council should find other any movement that will tend to give us better and more frequent passenger service between the two cities.

or will increase our freight and express facilities. Public sentiment upon such questions, rather than the paid opposition of special interests likely to be effected, should guide us as city officials in such action as we may be called upon to take.

The Boston & Northern Street Railway company in its latest annual report to stockholders mentions the fact that it is making large economies in its expense account by transporting power stations, including Lowell. The immense electric car frequently seen in our streets carrying coal is evidence that the company is completely equipped to carry coal cheaply, and its power house is located along the steam railroad track, the fact that it can transport coal more cheaply than it can team it from freight cars is an interesting proposition to us as citizens. It ought to be possible to make an arrangement with this company to transport coal for the city, if it can be found that we can save money by the change. When the locks at the dikes of the Columbia were open to navigation, the railroads at once dropped their freight rates \$3.50 a ton. Our manufacturers have long contended that coal freights were too high, and it would be a great help to our city if they could be reduced, and if any action on our part will tend to produce cheaper coal, we should take it.

Finances

I find that the finances of our city are in a deplorable state. This is one of the subjects uppermost in the minds of the people of this community, especially property owners, who feel they are now paying an exorbitant rate of taxation.

CITY DEBT

Ordinary debt January 1, 1908	\$2,461,848.30	
Borrowed during the year 1908	304,412.90	
Total	2,766,261.20	
Paid during the year 1908	294,222.00	
Total ordinary city debt, Dec. 31, 1908	2,472,039.20	\$2,472,039.20
Water debt Jan. 1, 1908	1,138,500.00	
Paid during the year 1908	1,209.00	
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Sinking funds for payment of same	345,292.14	
Net ordinary city debt, Dec. 31, 1908	2,126,747.06	
Water debt, Dec. 31, 1908	1,121,500.00	
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Decrease in city debt during 1908	72,144.11	
Net ordinary debt, Dec. 31, 1907	2,147,132.44	
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Decrease in net ordinary debt	20,385.38	17,390.18
Total city debt, Dec. 31, 1908	3,680,539.20	
Deduct water loans	1,121,500.00	
Deduct exemptions by legislature	500,000.00	
City debt as it relates to limit of indebtedness	1,059,039.20	
Limit of municipal debt for 1909, 2 1/2 per cent of average valuation for last three years	1,859,747.13	
Distance from limit, Dec. 31, 1908	1,675,038.40	
Distance from limit, Dec. 31, 1907	1,725,755.58	
Increase of distance from limit	40,717.18	

NEW OFFICERS

Installed by the M. T. I.

Yesterday

The Mathew Temperance Institute installed its new officers yesterday by the following officers of the C. T. A. U.

President John T. Shea and Recording Secretary Maurice Dineen and Financial Secretary Stephen T. Ward of the C. T. A. U., of the archdiocese. The new officers were installed by Edward F. Slattery, assisted by Edward F. Slattery and James O'Sullivan.

The officers installed were: President, James J. Gallagher; vice president, James F. Riley; recording secretary, Edward J. Donnelly; financial secretary, Edward J. Donnelly; treasurer, George R. O'Neill; marshal, W. J. Garagan; spiritual director, Rev. W. George Mullin; board of trustees, Peter F. Brady, William H. Conway, and George F. Brigan; board of examiners, Daniel Wrenn, Edward Muldoon, and Patrick Shannon; literary committee, Patrick J. Begley, William J. Smith and Joseph E. McEvoy.

Pres. John J. Coyne presided at the meeting which opened at 11 o'clock. The reports of Treasurer John W. Sharkey, Financial Secretary James F. Riley, and Recording Secretary Stephen T. Ward were read and referred. The anniversary banquet tomorrow evening was reported as complete and the outlook was excellent for a fine celebration. The meeting was then turned over to Pres. Shea and his assistants.

The retiring president, Mr. Coyne, made an address in which he thanked the members for their cooperation during the past year and extended his best wishes to the new board of officers. President Gallagher upon taking office delivered a most interesting address in which he suggested the establishment of an employment bureau for members.

The principal speaker was President John T. Shea of Cambridge. He said that it was both a pleasure and an honor to visit the Mathews on such an auspicious opening of the new year. He then gave a practical temperance address, illustrated it with some apt stories and closed his address by a fervent appeal for effective work, the ensuing year. Remarks were then made by Sec. Dineen, Mr. Ward, Probation Officer Slattery, James O'Sullivan, and the newly installed officers. Votes of thanks were given to the retiring officers and the C. T. A. U. officials. It was long after 1 o'clock when the meeting concluded and it was the consensus of opinion that the session was most auspicious opening of Pres. Gallagher's term of office.

NOW OR NEVER

Less than 100 of those handsome souvenir local view calendars left. Complete, with mailing envelope, for a cure or your money back when you use Pine Balm for coughs! Howard, the druggist, 197 Central st.

The committee on appropriations makes appropriations for the various departments at the beginning of each fiscal year in accordance with what that committee believes to be right and proper. Before the year is over it is customary for some member of the city council to introduce a resolution calling for a blanket loan, for the purpose of raising money to carry those departments which have expended their appropriations through the remainder of the year. This loan, with other loans that have been called for by joint resolutions from time to time during the year, all bearing interest for a term of years, the whole sum of which must be paid at certain intervals, have brought the city to the financial condition we now find it, dangerously near the borrowing limit. This should be convincing proof enough that the present methods of conducting the city's business are too extravagant, and that the money raised by taxation on real estate, personal property and licenses, after the state and county taxes have been deducted, is not sufficient to meet the current expenses of the fiscal year.

In some of the departments there is a needless expenditure of money, caused principally through heedlessness or inattention to duty by the heads of departments or superintendents. I have been informed that there are names of people on the payroll of some departments who do but little for the wages they receive, while there are names of some people on two payrolls, which is in direct violation of the city ordinances. It is my firm belief that many of the city officers could be run with less assistance if the heads of those offices would attend more strictly to business.

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JOINT MEETING

C. T. A. U. OFFICERS IN NORTH CHELMSFORD

Yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in St. John's hall, North Chelmsford, the installation of officers of the St. John's T. A. U. society for the year 1909 took place.

The meeting was called to order by President John T. Shea of the C. T. A. U., installing officer, assisted by Mrs. Catherine Tillson, second vice president, and Maurice Dineen, recording secretary. The officers installed were: President, John T. Shea; vice president, John J. Coyne; recording secretary, Irving Shields; financial secretary, Michael Scollan; treasurer, John McTeague; board of trustees, Arthur McManney, Fred Kinch, Joseph Laforce, Janitor James Flannery. For the Ladies' society, President, Belle Valentine; vice president, Mary Cox; recording secretary, Rose McTeague; financial secretary, Nellie Ward; treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Gaudette; board of trustees, Etta Cox, Loretta Ward, Loretta McManney, Lillian Welch and Mary Tobin. After the installation ceremony Rev. Edmund Schofield, the spiritual director, gave the invocation and the benediction. Seated on the platform were the following: Spiritual Director Rev. E. T. Schofield, President John T. Shea, Mrs. Catherine Tillson, Mrs. A. Cummins, Maurice Dineen, Stephen T. Ward, representing the board of government of the C. T. A. U., Deputy John J. Coyne, Deputy John V. Donoghue, Jas. F. Donnell, Esq., and Prof. Hugh J. Molloy of Lowell. President St. John's gave the gavel over to the newly elected president, Mr. Harrington, who presided over the meeting. Mr. Harrington called upon Rev. E. T. Schofield as the first speaker.

Mr. Schofield complimented the young men and ladies on the fine reception they had given to the visiting delegation and the fine work they were doing in the society on its fine work and standing and gave them every assurance that he was ever ready to assist them when they needed a helping hand. Miss Gertrude Quigley then favored with a piano solo.

The next speaker was President Shea, who opened the great work of a temperance society, the evils of intemperance, and showed the great a society can do by belonging to the union.

Mr. James Flannery then gave a reading. Prof. Hugh J. Molloy, when called upon, said an invitation to Chelmsford he always gladly accepted as it was a pleasure to be a guest of the society. Mrs. Catherine Tillson spoke very encouragingly to the members, doing principally on the work of the Women's temperance societies and encouraged the young ladies to enlarge their ranks and to encourage their friends and brothers into the temperance movement.

A clarinet solo was given by James P. Quigley. The next speaker was James E. O'Donnell, Esq., when the toastmaster said needed no introduction for he was a product of North Chelmsford. Mr. O'Donnell's remarks were very encouraging.

Mr. Maurice Dineen, when called upon, said an interesting reading. Deputy John J. Coyne and Deputy John V. Donoghue gave brief remarks to the members and assured the members that it was always a pleasure to be with them. Miss Esther Pope then favored with

a piano solo and Miss Margaret McEllen rendered a solo.

The president then called for clerical remarks from a member of the society, when he said the society was highly honored in having on the C. T. A. U. board—Stephen T. Ward—his remarks were brief, yet to the point, and encouraging to the younger members of the society.

After the meeting a reception was given to the invited guests and support was served at 5:30 by Captain John J. Marmel.

The society starts this year with a young man at its head for president who is sure by his active work and untiring efforts to bring the society up to a standard that will be a credit to the union and to the town at large.

FIVE KILLED

FREIGHT TRAIN RAN INTO A PASSENGER TRAIN

MESSINA Jan. 4.—At Niagara, between Messina and Catania, a freight train today ran into and overran a passenger train crowded with injured persons, five of whom were killed.

LOWELL MEN

ATTEND BIG A. O. H. MEETING

Lowell men, members of the A. O. H., attended a monster meeting of the Ayer division of the Order in Ayer yesterday. Those present from this city were: Pres. Hubert McQuade of Division 28, James O'Sullivan, president of the A. O. H. building corporation, Edward F. Slattery, Humphrey O'Sullivan and William B. Ready.

DRACUT

Selectman John Davlin, who was elected chairman of the board of selectmen to succeed Selectman Conny, was assigned the chairmanship, and accompanied by Officer Sullivan, made a full inspection of the licensed places in Dracut Saturday night and notified the keepers that the law must be strictly adhered to. The pair investigated several places where it has been alleged that an illegal traffic was going on.

It is expected that the new fire alarm system in the Navy Yard will soon be installed. The stringing of wires is progressing rapidly.

LEGAL NOTICES

Under authority of Section 40, Chapter 238 of the Acts of 1908, I, John P. Meade, of Lowell, Mass., do hereby give notice that I have made written application to the Lowell Institution for Sealing, Sewing, and Sewing, made in full of inspection of the licensed places in Dracut Saturday night and notified the keepers that the law must be strictly adhered to. The pair investigated several places where it has been alleged that an illegal traffic was going on.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 31, 1908.
D. 22 05 3-4-11 03

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. Whereas, David N. Talenbloom, alias Ben Talenbloom, of Lowell, in said County, has presented to said Court, a petition praying that his name may be changed to that of David N. Talbot, for reasons therein set forth;

All persons are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have why the said petition should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be on day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eight.
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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IRISH LEAGUE

WAS ADDRESSED BY SUPT. MALONEY

In Hibernian hall last night the Lowell branch of the United Irish League held a large regular meeting. Michael F. Reardon, president of the organization, presided over the meeting.

At the conclusion of the business session the following program was carried out: "Finger Manipulation" by Bernard D. Ward; piano selection, Mr. Warrington; song, Wm. Gaskin; song, James McQuitty; song, Miss Nestor; song, Edward Connolly; song, J. J. Gleason; song, F. G. Cashman; address, Supt. W. E. Maloney of the Lowell division of the Boston & Northern Street Railway Co.

Mr. Maloney spoke on the development of the intellect and his address which was one of the most interesting ever delivered before the organization was highly commended by the large audience.

At the February meeting D. J. Donahue, Esq., will deliver an address.

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This is by far the largest daily average circulation of any newspaper in Lowell.

WHY PUT A GOOD MAN OUT?

It does seem rather hard on the city as well as the present incumbent of the office of superintendent of streets to see so many candidates clamoring for the position he occupies. Mr. Morse to our mind is the best superintendent of streets the city of Lowell ever had, and that is saying a great deal, for we have had some very efficient and economical men in that office. None of them, however, equalled the record of Mr. Morse for economy, efficiency and the thoroughness of his work. It does seem like removing a man from office without cause to even consider the importunities of men, however deserving or competent, who ask for votes for an office that is now so well filled. Every change in an office of this kind is a source of expense to the taxpayers, to say nothing of the obligations which a change puts upon the new superintendent to work in a lot of heels, grafters and loafers, friends of the men who voted for the change but who are usually known to have no other ambition in life but to draw fat wages from the city treasury while doing as little work as possible.

Mr. Morse, as far as we can learn, has always used the men under him fairly, and has at the same time procured for the city a fair return for the sums paid in wages and for material and supplies used in the street department. Why such a man should be superseded simply because some one wants the position is beyond comprehension. It is just such incidents as this which serve to bring forcibly to the minds of our citizens the necessity for an improved charter, one that will guarantee permanent employment without political interference to every servant of the city in every department so long as he conducts himself properly, and gives a fair return in service for the wages or salary he receives. We hope the day is not far distant when Lowell will have a board of public works composed of men trained in the technical requirements for such duties, and who will select men of the stripe of Supt. Morse who can execute the duties of their respective offices without fear of political or official interference except for good cause. We need competent men who can work out ways and means for the improvement of our streets, roads, bridges and public buildings, men whose efforts will gradually beautify our city, men who will do it economically and do it well. We trust that the present city government will conform to the spirit of the times which demands protection for competent and honest officials. To do otherwise would be to run counter to the wishes of a vast majority of the responsible element among the taxpayers of Lowell.

THE LUCE LAW A FAILURE.

One of the first measures that will come before the incoming state legislature will be an amendment to the Luce law, or an entirely new caucus act. This is very much needed because of the utter failure of the Luce law. When this law was enacted it was generally believed that it would prove an ideal measure for regulating party nominations; but after a fair trial it proved more confusing than the old law. Not only does it give us a lower grade of candidates for public office, but it leaves the voters in the larger cities in much the same predicament as thousands were left in Lowell during the last political campaign when they found it impossible to vote for their choice for mayor. The law is certainly defective when a man has to confine himself to a selection between two candidates, neither of whom is acceptable to him, and as in the case of the aldermanic ticket, they were unable to register their choice in an effective way. It is to be hoped that some system will be adopted by the general court that will provide for direct nominations at the polls somewhat after the Des Moines plan now in operation in Haverhill. After the preliminary selection by the city at large, regardless of party designations, the voters are then privileged in the case of mayor to select from the two highest nominees, and in the case of minor offices they will have a more representative group of candidates for office from which to make a selection.

The Lowell Civic Association and the charter committee of the Board of Trade which were entrusted with the duty of reporting a revised or amended city charter do not seem to be making much progress. This, however, is very characteristic of such movements in Lowell. We are noted for starting out in an enthusiastic manner to work reforms, but we finally lag if we do not entirely abandon a good movement simply because some one is afraid to tread upon the toes of some one else. Wake up, gentlemen; get together and finish up the work of charter revision, and give the people of Lowell an opportunity to express their opinions at the polls on the changes which in your wisdom you would recommend. Another year of the present charter might put us on the verge of municipal bankruptcy. If we need a new charter, and we certainly do, then the sooner we get it the better.

The present mild winter weather has been rather severe on the coal men, but there is some consolation in the thought that it has saved the rest of us a great deal in fuel bills. In all the expenditures for household necessities there is nothing that seems so much like utter waste as the burning up of expensive coal. But we must have it even though it comes high, and with all respect to the feelings of the coal men, the less we have to use, the better.

Andrew Carnegie says that the steel industry does not need protection. Andy ought to know for he has been there, so to speak. After taking out not only millions but hundreds of millions in profits from a tariff protective industry, Andy is now frank enough to say that it needs no protective tariff. The only remarkable thing about this confession is that it did not come before Andy made his millions.

It is plain from the published lists of the contributions to the earthquake fund, that Lowell will not be found lagging in the movement to relieve the distress in Italy and the island of Sicily. We feel certain our citizens will make a prompt and generous response to this call for aid. When the lists are published Lowell will stand near the head as she has always stood in the past in similar humane movements.

SEEN AND HEARD

How did you enjoy the inaugural exercises?

The girl with a mother anxious to have her marry, generally has a little brother mischievous enough to break the engagement.

The banquet of the Matthews tomorrow night promises to be a big success.

While we think of the 250 divorced people in every 100,000 married people let us not forget the 25,750 who are not divorced.

Have you kept your resolutions made New Year's day?

Do not discard your diaries. Keep on with your record of daily items and the information thus chronicled will prove valuable at the end of the year.

One of Lowell's well known business men who has his marriage license and his stock certificate so mixed up that he imagines that they confer the added pleasure of living at the office, has a son who is noted for his bright sayings. A few days before Christmas he was recounting the things he wanted to his mother, ending by saying "Francis' papa gets him anything he asks for." His mother answered "Why don't you ask your father for the things you want?" "Well," returned the youngster, "you see, I am not so well acquainted with my pa."

It sounds paradoxical, the writer knows, but I think I can keep my feet warmer in low shoes than I can in high shoes these winter days," said a red-cheeked young man. The answer is circulation. "You see when tight around your ankles, the circulation stops the circulation of the blood. You can't expect your feet to keep warm if you keep out all the warmth-giving blood, can you? Now, take the case of low shoes. They are open at the ankles, even snug-fitting Oxford shoes do not press close enough to stop or hinder circulation. Hence, while there is less covering on your pedal extremities when you have low shoes on, you can see, can't you, where there is reason in my claim? My theory is the matter of dress has always been to clothe the body in such a manner as not to impede the freedom of the limbs. Circulation is the most important element we should consider, to my mind, that is why I wear Oxford all the year around, hot or cold, and I haven't contracted pneumonia yet, either."

Next Sunday will be a big day for the Lowell sons of Erin and their descendants—the annual St. Patrick's day convention, in Hibernian hall. Every delegate will be extended a warm "read millie Fallicie."

Veterans of the Civil war will be exempted in 1909 according to Post Commander G. F. Bassett of Chicago. There will be 247 veterans alive in 1909, he says, "and ten years later the number will be reduced to twenty-three. The last survivor will die in 1950. This is the conclusion of men who are competent to estimate the length of human life."

HOW WE LIVE

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Squeezed by the Carrot Trust.
Soured by the Pickle Trust.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Louis N. Park, the enterprising literary American who was placed in charge of the recent local mayor's show in London, turned what had come to be regarded as a sort of circus procession into a most interesting pageant. Shakespeare was accomplished by a picturesque entourage of characters from his plays. Chaucer was followed by a band of personages of his creation, and Spenser and Marlowe were attended in like manner. A striking feature was William Caxton on a float with a group of printers working an ancient printing press. These historical pageants will be continued progressively in future shows.

If reports from the orient may be relied upon, the grand vizier's list of senators to be submitted to the sultan

for approval will contain the names of two Jews—David Effendi Mohis, first dyagonian of the Imperial divan, and Behor Effendi Eskenazi, a member of the state council.

Secretary Stokes of the Yale corporation has notified the fifty-nine Yale associations and clubs throughout the country that associations with two hundred members or more can elect a second member of the alumni advisory council, a body organized by a vote of the Yale corporation to assist it in an advisory capacity. Smaller Yale alumni organizations can also elect by grouping together up to a membership of two hundred. The intention of giving a second representative is to encourage representation of other than the Yale academic department in the council, where almost all the members are now academic graduates.

John D. Rockefeller is said to have purchased a house at Hot Springs, in Virginia, near the golf course on which he frequently plays.

There will be \$1,000,000 from the McKay bequest available for the aid of the work of Harvard within the next year. The indications are that this sum, the first to be paid over under the terms of the will, will be handed over between October 1 and December 31, 1909. The terms of the will provided that none of the money bequeathed by McKay could be used by Harvard until the accumulated income reached \$1,000,000. Three years ago it was found that the McKay place mine in Montana gave promise of rich yield, and it was stated unofficially that this mine might yield a profit of \$400,000 a year as soon as it was at its best capacity. The payment of this first \$1,000,000 will undoubtedly lead at once to considerable improvements in the Lawrence scientific school.

Ralph Kinney, one of the most popular football players in recent years at Yale university, is to be married early in the New Year at Beaumont, Tex., to Miss Annie Averill of that place. The marriage will be the outcome of a romance begun when the two met at the Yale-Princeton game in 1905, when Miss Averill was a student at Briarcliff school. For the past eighteen months Mr. Kinney has had charge of an orange plantation in Porto Rico.

President Roosevelt has declared himself upon another important subject. He objects to what he calls "ear supporters." By this he means the little pieces of celluloid and whatnots that make the Nazimova style of collars what they are. The president also objects, so we are told in Washington dispatches, to the Pierrot ruffs, and Longworth have of boned collars was expressed. It is said, when Mrs. Ethel Roosevelt joined him one afternoon recently to go to the meeting of a society which he had been asked to dignify with his presence. She was dressed in the latest fashion, except that, in due recognition of her father's views, she wore a collar far from aggressive in its height. The president looked her over for a moment, and then said: "Well, my dear, I am glad you do not wear those ear-supporters."

Richard B. Watrous, secretary of the Citizens' Business League of Milwaukee, has resigned to accept the secretaryship of the American Civic association, with headquarters at Harrisburg, Pa.

Leon Casse, the official viper killer in the forest of Fontainebleau, France, is now resting after an arduous season, in which he has killed nearly 200 snakes. His average is 800 a year and he has been bitten so often that he has become immune to the poison of the snake's bite. He is known as the "father of the vipers" and he sleeps on a mattress made of vipers' skins.

General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, has been operated on for catarract, and the doctors are hopeful that he will completely recover his sight. The general declined the use of an anesthetic, and cocaine only was employed.

HORSE JOCKEY

TO GET BIG SALARY OF \$15,000 FROM BARON ROTHSCHILD

Jockey Vincent Powers has signed a one year's contract to ride for Baron Leopold Rothschild in France next season at a salary of \$15,000. There is also a clause in the boy's contract that if he remains in France Rothschild is to have the privilege of renewing first call on his services for three years. In view of the fact that Powers has been finding it a hard task to make 108 pounds lately it is conceded that his contract is the best since the days of "Old Slon" for a young jockey. Lord Rothschild is said to have paid a year's retainer of \$25,000. It is the intention of Powers and his father to leave for France at the end of the California season. The boy at present is under contract to Barney Schreiber, who pays him \$10,000 a month for the winter season. Powers rode some winners in 1908 than any other jockey on the American and Canadian tracks. He is alert at the post, but his best quality is riding strong finishes.

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All of the black and Oxford overcoats that sold for \$20 and lots of very fine melton coatings, all made with Skinner satin sleeves—strictly hand tailored, were \$20—now \$15

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60 Strictly All Wool Overcoats \$9.50

Here is extraordinary value. These new fashionable overcoats made from strictly all wool meltons and kerseys, all with hand-felled silk velvet collars and satin sleeve linings, that were remarkable value for \$12.00, today marked to close \$9.50

All of the Fancy Overcoats

Have been marked down. Olives and smoke shades, in tweeds and chevrons, military or regular collars.

From \$22 to \$15
From \$15 to \$10
From \$12 to \$7.50

All of the Young Men's Overcoats

Sizes 31 to 36, have been marked down.
From \$25 to \$15
From \$15 to \$10
From \$12 to \$8.00
From \$8 to \$6.00

MICHAEL DUGGAN

Endorsed for Inspector of Factories Position

At the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor council yesterday officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Joseph F. Convery; vice president, Michael A. Lee; recording secretary, F. E. Bell; secretary, William O. Callahan; treasurer, Miss Annie Odell; sergeant-at-arms, William O. Callahan; trustees, John W. Downing, Dennis Henley and George Mosetto; legislative committee, John W. Downing, William Regan, J. T. Conner, Albra Hersom, William R. Ireland, W. E. Sproule and Thomas Gull; municipal committee, Joseph F. Convery, Wm. E. Sproule, M. A. Lee, Peter Desmond and Theo. Regan.

It was voted to endorse the candidacy of Michael F. Duggan to succeed the late Inspector of Factories Frank C. Wasley. The proposition of the National American Federation of Labor to make Lincoln's birthday anniversary, Feb. 12, a national holiday, was endorsed.

The council adopted the following resolution: "Resolved: We, the delegates to the Federation of Labor in council assembled, do hereby protest against the decision rendered by Judge Wright in sentences on National Officers Messrs. Campers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail. We believe this a purely judgmental law, contrary to the constitution and wholly out of accord with the spirit of the American constitution, and should have no place in a republic and that these resolutions be given to the public and a copy sent to every affiliated local.

C. Y. M. L.

Quarterly Communion and Election

The members of the C. Y. M. L. of St. Patrick's church to the number of about 150 attended holy communion in a body at the 7 o'clock mass, yesterday morning. Rev. William O'Brien, pastor, sang the mass and was assisted at communion by Rev. John J. McHugh, spiritual director of the organization. The C. Y. M. L. choir rendered appropriate hymns and John J. Kelly presided at the organ. A breakfast was served at the hall after the mass. Later in the forenoon the members gathered in the assembly hall and elected directors as follows: Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Andrew Smith, John McDermott, Peter Noonan, Patrick Harrington, John Brodley, William Christy and Frederick Flynn. The directors appointed by Rev. William O'Brien were: John H. Murphy, Timothy Rohan, James Callahan, John J. Murphy, John Conlon, John J. Carroll and Edward O'Donnell. The directors will be installed into office next Thursday evening at which time the officers will be elected for the ensuing six months. An informal musical program was given by James Shughrue, John J. Carroll, Timothy Rohan and Andrew Smith. The several committees submitted reports showing the society in a very prosperous condition. President Fitzgerald addressed the members before adjournment.

LOWELL HUMANE SOCIETY
The annual meeting of the Lowell Humane society for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it will be held at No. 71 Central street, on Monday evening, Jan. 4, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance of the members is earnestly requested. Caroline Richardson, Secretary.

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FATALLY HURT

MAN RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE OTHERS
MERRIDEN, Conn., Jan. 4.—Rising his own life to save those of Mrs. Philip Gauthier and her child, who were on the tracks, Michael Donlin ran in front of the New York, New Haven express over the New York, New Haven road at the station here Saturday afternoon, and rescued both but was fatally hurt himself. Mrs. Gauthier and her child escaped unhurt. Donlin is a porter at the station. The platform was thronged with people who were waiting for the incoming express. Unexpectedly the child slipped away from its mother and ran out upon the tracks. Mrs. Gauthier sprang after the child. Donlin saw the act and in a single bound separated the mother and child, throwing each in an opposite direction clear of the engine. Donlin could not get away and was struck.

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Pres. Roosevelt Sends a Message to Congress

Last year an amendment was incorporated in the measure providing for a special service of the post office which would be no detriment to the service and no transfer therefrom. It was too much to say that this amendment had been of benefit only and could be of benefit only to the criminal classes. It was already introduced for the purpose of diminishing the effectiveness of war agencies. It could be introduced and approved to the end. It forbade the practices that had been followed to a greater or less extent by the executive heads of various departments for twenty years. These practices we owe the securing of the evidence which enabled us to discover the introduction of a large quantity of a million of dollars in from their promoters. These practices have enabled us to discover some of the most outrageous frauds in connection with the theft of government land and government timber by great corporations and individuals. These practices have enabled us to get some of the most indispensable in order to secure the com-

If you will turn to the Congressional Record for May 1 last, pages 5558-5560, inclusive, you will find the debate on this subject. Mr. Tawney of Minnesota, Mr. Smith of Iowa, Mr. Shuler of Kentucky and Mr. Pitts-

of the treasury received a few days ago" in which the secretary of the treasury "himself admits that the provisions under which the appropriations have been made have been violated after years for a number of years."

shadow members of congress ask them to be lawmakers. And that's joke. Several of the Democrats asked congress for a special bill for reorganization, and the treasury department wants the limitation removed from appropriation for supporting such filing. This shows a tendency to

violation of the federal statutes. In
rather what branch of the public ser-
vice. In this particular case most
the men investigated who were the
servants were in the executive branch
of the government. But in these

the consequence in the view that this is not only the right of Congress, but also practically its duty. To use the secret service in the investigation of purely private or political matters would be a gross abuse. But there has been a number of instances of such abuse.

AT ALL DRUG STORES
THIRTY-FIVE CENTS

REV. CUMMINGS

Preaches First Sermon
at Baptist Church

Rev. Seiden W. Cummings, the new pastor of the First Baptist church, succeeded the Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, preached yesterday morning and evening. Preceding his sermon in the morning Mr. Cummings said:

"I have not prepared any set or formal statement to make to you this morning. These few words will suffice. As stated on Friday evening, I am with you today in the position that I occupy because I believe as well as I can believe anything, that God has led me here. I believe that the spirit of God led you, and I believe that the same spirit put it into my heart to come at your call. That is why I am here."

"During this past week I have gone through the greatest trial of my life. I have cut myself off from actual relations with a people that were dear to me almost as life itself. In a large membership of over 500 people I did not know one person, man, woman or child, who did not earnestly desire that I should tarry with them. Many of these people have become very warmly attached to me and to my family, and we to them. During a period of a little over four years I had buried five of my deacons, and my relations with those families were very strong."

"And so I had gone in and out among the people, sitting by the side of the sick, burying the dead and marrying the young people in that congregation, until it seemed as if the relation were to be a lifelong relation. I could never have stood the separation, had I not believed that God demanded it of me. I have come to you with that sense and in that spirit. I believe that I am here at the call of God, and I place myself, with all the power I can command, at your service. I want you to feel that I am here for that purpose, and for the use of every man, woman and child in this community that makes up the First Baptist church of Lowell, to respond to your call, to be ready to give assistance just as far as my strength and ability will permit, whenever you desire it. You need never fear to call upon me day or night, when I may be of assistance to you."

"I think I need say nothing further at this time. We will have words to speak to one another as we go along. But as long as I am in the presence of God, I am permitted to be with you and to stand in the relation with you as your pastor, I wish to be considered your friend, your friend and brother, and ready to do, as I said before, whatever I can to assist you and lead you. I know without my asking it, that you will be ready to overlook mistakes I make, and to stand by me in any trying situation that we may be called upon to face, so that thus cooperating, we shall go on as long as the relationship exists, planting the standards of Jesus Christ in this community and doing our part in attending the kingdom of God here and elsewhere."

DEATHS

BROWN—Mrs. Mary R. Brown, aged 40 years, died last evening at the Lowell hospital. She is survived by her husband, George L. Brown, one daughter, Lillian, and three sisters and two brothers.

KELLEY—Edward Kelley, aged 35 years, died Saturday at his home, 214 Lawrence street. He leaves a wife and five children.

ROWLES—Mary C. Bowles died yesterday morning at her home, 233 Lakeview avenue, at the age of 47 years. She leaves besides her husband, James C. Rowles, Charles of Boston and Frank of this city; three daughters, Mrs. Henry McEvoy and Misses Sadie and Grace Bowles, and one sister, Mrs. Harriet Holden, of Philadelphia.

OSGOOD—Mrs. Nellie, Dorothy Osgood, wife of Herman H. Osgood, died yesterday at her home, 35 Granite street, Nashua, aged 33 years. Besides her husband, she leaves one son, Earle Abbott Osgood, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Peabody, two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Graves and Alice R. Barclay, and one brother, Harry J. Barclay.

CLARK—Deacon Ezra Clark, for many years a resident of Lowell, died at his home, 545 Beacon street, Sunday, at 8:30 p. m., after a brief illness. Mr. Clark was born in Shrewsbury, Vt., August 24, 1826, and came to Lowell when a young man to enter the employ of the Merrimack manufacturing company, where he remained until his retirement from active life, eight years ago. He was a constant attendant at the Worthen Street Baptist church, where he had been a deacon many years. He leaves a wife, Katherine P., and two sons, Avery B. and Winslow B., both of this city.

FUNERAL NOTICES

DOWNS—Died, Jan. 1, Capt. Horatio B. Downs, aged 74 years, at the home of his son, George W. Downs, Chelmsford. Funeral services will be held at the Edison cemetery chapel, Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. Friends invited. The funeral will be under the direction of Funeral Director Healey.

OHLSOHN—Died in Billerica, Jan. 2, Kjerstin Ohlsson, aged 74 years. Funeral will take place from the home in Billerica, Tuesday, at noon. Funeral services at 2 o'clock in the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church, Meadowcroft street. Friends invited. Undertaker Weinbeck in charge.

FUNERALS

LYNDS—The funeral of Mrs. Eliza E. Lynnds took place yesterday afternoon from the home of her son, Wm. W. Lynnds, 104 South Walker street. Rev. Geo. E. Tomkinson officiating. Mrs. Charles Jenkins sang several appropriate selections. There were many floral tributes and burial was in the Edison cemetery under direction of George W. Healey.

ANDREWS—The funeral of Mrs. Augusta P. Andrews took place from her home, in Billerica Centre, yesterday. Services were held at the Congregational church. Rev. Harry Dale officiating. There was singing by a quartet composed of Herbert King, Miss Marion Wilkins and Mr. and Mrs. George Greenwood. The bearers were Frank Bartlett, Frank Alexander, Geo. Frank Crocker and Walter Madison. Burial was in the Edison cemetery under direction of C. M. Young.

LOCKHART—The funeral of Alma R. Lockhart took place yesterday afternoon from her home, 45 Mammoth road. Rev. A. P. Wedge officiating. There were many floral tributes, and appropriate selections were sung by Walter Jewey, Clarence E. Perham, Frank Crocker and Walter Madison. Burial was in the Edison cemetery under direction of J. A. Weinbeck.

DAY—The funeral of Mrs. Augusta A. Day took place Saturday from her home, 619 Lakeview avenue. Funeral services were held at the Wilson chapel in Carlisle. Rev. P. A. MacDonald officiating. The bearers were relatives and burial was in Carlisle under direction of C. M. Young.

HORNE—The funeral of Miss Emily A. Horne was held yesterday afternoon from her late home, 106 Chestnut street, and was well attended by her many friends and relatives. Rev. Allan C. Perrin, pastor of the High Street Congregational church, officiated. The flowers were beautiful and profuse. Burial took place today in Rockwood cemetery. Mr. Wm. H. Saunders, of the Horne Bros. Co., undertakers, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

PRESTON—The funeral of W. F. Preston took place Saturday afternoon from his home, 73 Bellevue street, and was largely attended. Rev. C. H. Ellis, pastor of the Central Baptist church, officiated, and a delegation from Oberlin college, J. O. O'Brien was also present and held the services at the grave. A quartet composed of Harry Hopkins, Mrs. Wm. H. Pepin, Mrs. F. L. Roberts and Warren Reid, sang several appropriate selections. There was an unusually large number of floral offerings. Among them were: "Fare thee well," a bouquet of lily and white, "Fare thee well," from Mrs. Mary Miller; wreath, Mrs. E. W. Holt and Mrs. Nellie P. Parker; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Friend, Mrs. A. E. Perham, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Dickerman, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Whittier. The bearers were Lewis P. Preston, Albion W. Reid, Edwin E. Smith, W. W. Preston. Walter Perham was in charge of the arrangements, and the burial was in the Foresters cemetery, Chelmsford.

RIVARD—The funeral of Miss Georgiana Rivard took place Saturday from her home, 746 Moody street, with a solemn funeral mass at St. Joseph's church. Rev. Fr. Baron, O. M. I., was the celebrant. Rev. Frs. La Motte and Gratot, O. M. I., were the deacons. The choir sang Perle's mass, under the direction of Frank Gourdeau with Joseph A. Bernard at the organ. Miss Blanche Dextra sang Gounod's "Pie Jesu" at the offertory. The bearers were Edmond Chartier, Albert Rivard, Alex. Provencier, Wilfrid Rivard and Joseph Dubois. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, and Rev. Fr. Gratot, O. M. I., officiated at the grave. Undertaker Amédée Archambault had charge.

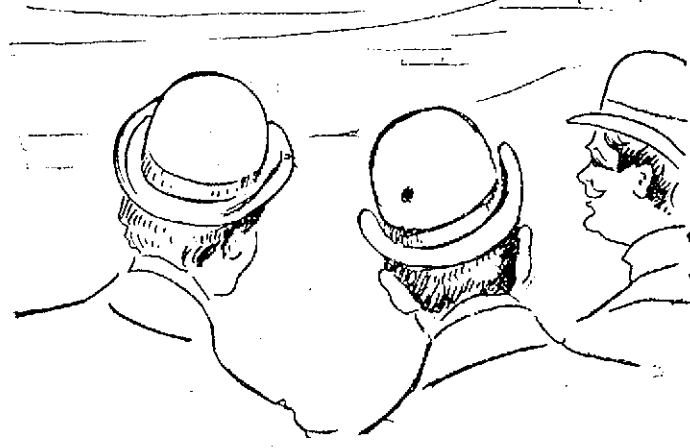
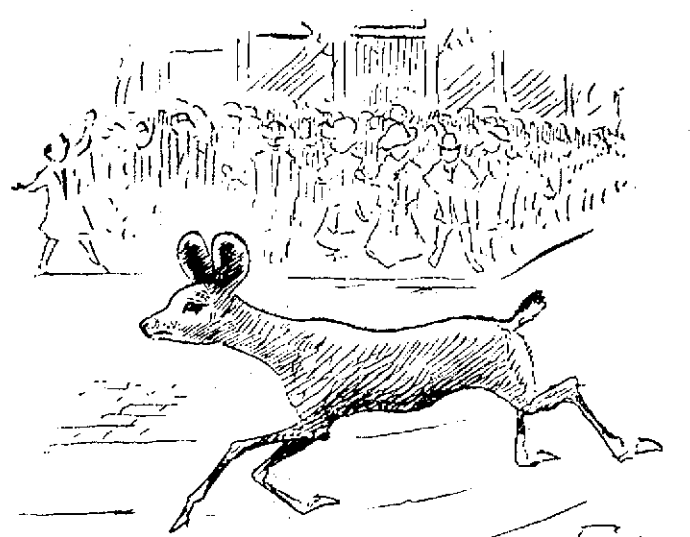
KELLEY—The funeral of Edward Kelley, who died Saturday morning, took place this morning at 9 o'clock from his late home, 714 Lawrence street. Requiem high mass was sung at the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. Rev. T. Wade Smith, O. M. I., officiating. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Adelaide Muldon rendered the Gregorian chant. Mrs. Muldon also presided at the organ. The bearers were Michael Sullivan, Patrick McHugh, John Farrell, Michael McAvoy, and Michael Molloy. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery, Fr. Smith reading the committal prayers. Interment was in charge of Undertakers C. H. Molloy & Sons.

MONAHAN—The funeral of Miss Jeanne Monahan took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from her late home, 21 Cedar street and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Peter's church where requiem was sung at 9 o'clock by Rev. W. George Mullin. The bearers were John Carr, John Travis, Patrick Hickey, Mr. O'Day and Henry Deering. The interment was in the family lot in the Catholic cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Mullin. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker John F. Rogers.

LOWELL KNIGHTS

ATTEND K. OF C. MEETING IN MANCHESTER

MANCHESTER, N. H., Jan. 4.—The Massachusetts degree staff, Knights of Columbus, working under the personal direction of District Deputy Joseph Murphy of Boston, today exemplified the high degree on a class of candidates before Manchester council. The class consisted of William P. Farnley, grand knight of Manchester council, president. The visitors numbered 20, and were from Boston, Lowell, Lawrence, Salem, Stoughton and Peppertown, Mass., and from Concord, Nashua, Dover, Newport and Londonia, N. H.



A WILD DEER RUNNING THROUGH MERRIMACK SQUARE

DEER IN SQUARE

Animal Caused Some
Excitement Yesterday

The presence of a deer in Merrimack square yesterday morning caused quite a little excitement for a while. When the animal reached the center of the city there were hundreds on their way to church who were astounded at seeing such a fine specimen in the heart of the city.

The deer was first noticed in Sixth street and after leisurely meandering down the hill it turned into Bridge street and started at a sharp clip for the city. When the square was reached the animal looked to the right and the left, but kept on the run and passed through Prescott street started up Market street. His majesty did not like the looks of the police station and when the local battle was reached the deer set up a faster clip and shot into Carpet lane. After making a tour of inspection in the lane it went up Market street to the railroad tracks and then towards the Middlesex street station. While attempting to cross the railroad bridge, just to the rear of Armour's meat plant, it lost its footing and fell into the canal. By this time a large crowd had gathered and after a struggle with ropes, ladders and other paraphernalia the animal was hoisted to the bank where Patrolman Peter Cawley placed it under his care and led it to a nearby stable.

The police were notified and they in turn notified Deputy Fish and Game Warden Hersey of Haverhill, who immediately came to this city. He took charge of the animal, which was a doe weighing about 125 pounds, and took it out toward Westford, where it was released about 4 o'clock.

CATHOLIC NEWS

The Holy Rosary society received holy communion in a body at the Sacred Heart church at 8 o'clock mass yesterday, which was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. T. Wade Smith, O. M. I. At the 10 o'clock mass the celebrant was Rev. Robert Barrett, O. M. I., and the preacher was Rev. John O'Brien, O. M. I., who dwelt at length on the Italian sufferers, and exhorted the prayers of the congregation, and also urged that most liberal contributions be made in aid of the sufferers. A large collection was taken up. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Holy Rosary society was held to make arrangements for a social to be held at a date yet to be selected. On Sunday morning, Jan. 17, at 8 o'clock there will be general communion of both the senior and junior branches of the Holy Name society. On tomorrow night there will be a meeting of the Holy Name society, to make arrangements for the Colonial party to be held in Associate hall in February.

St. Patrick's Church.

The usual large congregations attended all of the masses at St. Patrick's church yesterday. The high mass at 11 o'clock was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Curtin, and Rev. John J. McHugh delivered an eloquent sermon on the gospel of the day. The choir was directed by Mr. Michael J. Johnson, and the sanctuary choir by Brother Raphael.

Immaculate Conception

On Sunday morning next at 7 o'clock mass the members of the Y. M. C. will receive holy communion in a body. At 9 o'clock mass yesterday the pastor, Rev. John McEvoy, O. M. I., who was celebrant, delivered a very forcible sermon on the subject of death, showing the danger of sinning, called away suddenly and referred to the fact that many parishioners who were alive one year ago are now numbered among those who answered the final summons, and he trusted that all were fully prepared to meet their Maker. Fr. McEvoy read a letter from Archbishop O'Connell, asking for the approval of the congregation for the removal of the congregation to the Italian sufferers and the request for a generous collection of aid for the most serious. The collection proved a most liberal one.

A. O. H. Central Council

In Hibernian hall yesterday afternoon a meeting was held of the central council of the A. O. H. when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Joseph J. Hayes; vice president, Michael Connelley; secretary, Daniel E. Healey; treasurer, Michael McEvoy; and J. J. Lynch, Daniel Riley, Patrick H. Hickey and Patrick Kane. The members of the different officers were most courteous. The council voted to make every endeavor to have the annual state convention, which will be held here August 15 in this city. A feature of the convention is a parade through the field day were talked at some length.

St. Peter's Church

Tonight there will be a meeting in the Fair Hall, of the Temperance society of St. Peter's church. On Wednesday night in the Fair Hall, Rev. Fr. Roman will give a conference on the subject of the Holy Trinity. On Thursday night, in the New American hotel, Rev. Fr. Roman will give a complimentary supper to the St. Peter's church choir, to be followed by the usual school assemblies. On Friday night there will be a meeting

of the Children of Mary in the Fair Hall.

Hibernian Notes

Tonight in Hibernian hall the juvenile branch of the A. O. H. will install officers, and the stockholders of the new hall of the Hibernians will tonight elect directors.

Tomorrow night the Ladies' Auxiliary A. O. H. will install officers to be followed by a social and dance.

Wednesday night Division No. 2 will install officers.

Thursday night Division No. 1 will install officers.

Friday night Division No. 2 will hold a complimentary social and dance for the benefit of Owen McArdle.

MATRIMONIAL

George R. Durand and Miss Marie Ouellette were married yesterday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Pamela S. Ouellette, 225 Avon street, Rev. H. F. Farrell officiating. Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for a short wedding trip. They will live, on their return, in Carlisle, the home of Mr. Durand.

MORRIS—BROWN

A very pretty wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, 29 West 5th street Thursday evening, December 21st. The contracting parties were Mr. John J. Morris of 25 Deane street and Miss Jane C. W. Brown, a sister of the groom. Miss Margaret Morris was bridesmaid, and the brother of the bride, Mr. William Brown as best man. The Rev. Mr. Carlton of the Hillside Congregational church, Braintree, performed the wedding ceremony. After the nuptial ceremony an excellent supper was served and a very pleasing program was gone through. The happy twain were the recipients of many costly wedding gifts.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of the Wamesit lodge, Knights of Pythias, was held Friday night, at which several communications relative to the growth of the organization were read from the grand lodge. The entertainment committee reported something new and startling for the future. The officers are to be installed on Jan. 15.

A largely attended meeting of Chevalier-Middlesex lodge, Knights of Pythias, was held in Highland hall, Friday night, when the election of officers took place. The newly elected officers were as follows: Chancellor, Commander, A. H. Bixby; V. C. W. C. Bales; private, W. H. Cutting; master-at-arms, W. S. Nickless; R. of R. and S. E. C. Nichols; M. of E. C. F. Nichols; M. of E. Herbert Pilling; junior guard, E. D. Hill; outer guard, J. L. Boughton. A lunch was served.

KENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. W. Stewart were greatly surprised on New Year's day by receiving several beautiful and useful presents with the kindest wishes of many friends, it being the 25th anniversary of their wedding day. Among those who spent the evening at the home were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rule, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Miss Addie Luntie and Miss Victoria Woods.

Mr. William Newton is preparing a foundation for another cottage on Hudson street.

Mr. Thiraby's house is progressing favorably in charge of the enterprising local carpenter, Henry Dolet.

Mrs. Williams held a Bible meeting yesterday afternoon in the new addition of her cottage.

Lowell, Monday, January 4, 1909.

A. G. Pollard Co.

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE.

You'll rarely find such Money Savings as we are offering at our Department Clearance Sales. Any one will tell you that who visited the departments that were featured the past three days, and the bargains offered in the Ladies' Garment and Suit Section, the Men's Furnishings and the Books, will continue until the goods are sold. Watch for the yellow signs.

Today Four Other Departments Are Ready With
Their Unusual Price ReductionsTHE ANNUAL FIRST OF THE YEAR
OFFERINGS INREAD THESE "QUICK CLEARANCE"
PRICES FOR

Pretty Muslin Underwear

Are these, and we ask you to note the reductions from the regular prices, remembering that our Undermuslins are made by people who stand highest in the trade. We suggest that an early selection would be profitable.

Corset Covers at 10c Each—Made with lace trimmings, reduced from 17c.

Corset Covers at 17c Each—Made with two rows of lace insertion and lace edges, were 25c.

All our 50c Corset Covers reduced to only 37c each.

Choose from our 82c Covers for only 49c.

Sample High Grade Covers, regular price \$1 to \$2.50, reduced one-third.

Combinations—Corset Cover and Skirt or Corset Cover and Drawers, regular price 79c, reduced to 50c.

Long Skirts at 29c, reduced from 50c. Made full size, with tucked flounce.

Long Skirts at 79c, reduced from \$1.69, at which price it was a most exceptional value. Made with Hamburg trimming and deep flounce.

Long Skirts at \$1.98—An unusual bargain, made with 11 rows of val. insertion and lace edge on bottom of flounce. Top finished with Hamburg beading and ribbon. Regular price \$2.98.

Beautiful Sample Skirts, regular prices from \$1.50 to \$10, reduced a third.

Drawers at 15c—Well made, good size, with tucked flounce, better than you usually find at 25c.

Drawers at 25c—Made from Fruit of the Loom Cotton, reduced from 39c.

Out Size Drawers at only 29c—Regular price 39c.

Sample Drawers—Grades worth from 50c to \$2.98, with lace and Hamburg trimming.

One-third less than the regular prices.

Chemises at 25c—Made of good cotton, full size, lace trimmed. A new one.

\$1 Chemises for 59c—Yoke made of torchon lace and insertion, flounce on bottom, lace trimmed.

Chemises at 75c—Made with Hamburg trimming, full size and good length. These were our \$1 special.

Chemises at \$1.45—Made of fine nainsook with cluny lace trimmings, attractive yoke made of knots and medallions, flounce with lace edge. Regular price \$1.98.

Sample Chemises, regular \$1.50 to \$4 grades, at one-third less than usual.

Special reductions in Hand Made Chemises at from 79c to \$2.98 each.

Night Gowns at only 33c—Made chemise style, with lace yoke. Reduced from 50c.

Gowns at 50c—Reduced from 69c. Made with V neck, Hamburg trimming.

Gowns at 79c—Made high or V neck or the chemise style, with lace and Hamburg trimmings. Reduced from \$1.

Gowns at \$1.17—Reduced from \$1.50. Made chemise style, of fine nainsook, Hamburg yoke, front and back trimmed with Hamburg edge.

Sample Gowns at one-third less than the regular prices, which were from \$1 to \$5.

Flannelette Gowns, in assorted colors, all our 69c grade reduced to 50c.

Flannelette Gowns, in white, pink, blue and stripes, regular price \$1.25 and \$1.50, only \$1.00.

The \$1 Gowns are reduced to 79c.

Out Size Skirts, regular price 50c, only 25c each.

Children's Gowns, pink or white, 50c grade, reduced to 29c each.

On Sale Today. See Merrimack Street Window.

West Section. Second Floor

WOOLEN DRESS GOODS

Three lots which should command the attention of every woman—We've never made bigger values in this department.

Lot No. One—50c and 59c Dress Goods at only 25c a yard—Consisting of Scotch Suitings in stripes, mixtures and plaids 38 and 40 inches wide.

Lot No. Two—\$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Dress Goods at only 50c a yard—About two thousand yards of odd pieces, lengths suitable for skirts and dresses, strictly all wool, 50 and 54 inches wide, mostly Panamas, chevots and serges, some shadow stripes, were \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard.

Lot No. Three—\$1 and \$1.50 Dress Goods at only 75c a yard—Includes all our broken lines of Melrose, French Foulle, fancy striped serges, shadow plaids, and chevot effects, 45 to 52 inches wide, strictly all wool, all new goods that we have offered at \$1 and \$1.50.

See Merrimack Street Window
Palmer Street, Right Aisle

BARGAINS AT THE

FANCY WORK SECTION

As the result of some sharp penciling among the wood and other handwork those who work with the platinum point or the needle will find much of interest in the following:

Pyrography—All our Christmas blanks including Handkerchief Boxes, Glove Boxes, Photo, Lace and Card Boxes, Wall Panels, Tables, Taboretts, Picture Frames, Nut-Bowls, etc., articles that have been marked from 10c to \$4, just 1-3 off.

108 Stamped Pillow Covers for 10c, reduced from 25c and 50c.

64 Stamped Table Covers for 25c, reduced from 50c, 75c and \$1.

86 Stamped Dollies at 10c, 15c and 35c, reduced from 15c, 25c and 50c.

134 White Scarfs and Squares at 50c each, reduced from 75c, \$1 and \$1.25.

Mercerized Pillow Cords at 10c each, were 25c.

Embroidery Linen, 3 skeins for 5c, were 5c a skein.

Yarns in Half Skeins, all shades, only 5c each.

Trimmed Pin Cushions at half price, trimmed with satin and lace, all sizes.

See Merrimack Street Window.
East Section, Centre Aisle

SPECIAL OFFER IN CONNECTION WITH

NEMO CORSETS

The makers have sent us a few dozen of these celebrated Corsets. Each finished with two pairs of new Hose Supporters with a non-elastic top which will not rip, tear or stretch. Will outlast any corset. The supporters alone are worth \$1 and we offer the Nemos with them attached at the regular price

Only \$3 Pair

A rare chance to the wearers of Nemo Self Reducing Corsets.

On Sale Today.

West Section, Right Aisle

Woolen Blankets Half Price

350 Samples and Odd Blankets, made of California wool, any color border, full 11-4 size, all of them single blankets, but they can be easily matched.

We offer Regular \$3.50 a Pair Blankets at only \$1.25 each.

And Regular \$4.50 a Pair Blankets at only \$1.69 each.

On Sale Today. See Palmer St. Window
Palmer Street, Basement

Begin the New Year
Right!

Resolve that you will no longer go without a practical, bread-and-butter education—that you will register with us now, for a day or evening course in Shortland or Bookkeeping and the help of our Situation Department at the end.

The Lowell Commercial College

7 MERRIMACK SQUARE

Beginning Thursday, January 7, Sales in Linens, Black Dress Goods, Rugs and Curtains, Ladies' Neckwear, Aprons, Etc.

SAFE WAS RIFLED

Store of a Lawrence Merchant Was Broken Into

LAWRENCE, Jan. 4.—A safe in the department store of L. W. Moore, 303-312 Essex street, corner of Lawrence street, in the very heart of the business center and within a block of the police station, was rifled of \$400 or \$500 and possibly more sometime before closing time Saturday night and 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

There are some unusual circumstances connected with the case and they point to the burglary having been committed by some one familiar with the store.

Patrolman Linehan soon after going on duty this morning found one of the front doors unlocked and investigation showed that a burglary had been committed. Inspector Runkle joined the patrolman and soon afterward Assistant City Marshal Logan went to the store.

The safe was located on a balcony at the rear of the store that is reached by a short flight of stairs. On the floor in front of the safe was the handle, and scattered about were drawers containing papers and money. The indications were that the burglars had left hurriedly, as a number of rolls of cents, also nickels, half-dollars and some bills were left behind. The police, it they know, do not give out the exact amount of money that the safe contained.

While the knob had been broken off,

the investigation showed that the safe had evidently been opened by the combination and then locked again. The demolition of the handle having been done for a blind.

With the assistance of George Seymour, a locksmith, the safe was opened. The handle had been partially cut with a cold chisel and the job completed by breaking the remainder of the steel pin and the other side of the lock, which covered it.

Close by this safe was a larger one, containing the books of the company, but no money. There was nothing disturbed about this safe, the police say—another straw in the theory that no one unfamiliar with the premises committed the theft.

Examination of the store led to the belief that while entrance was effected by one of the main doors opening onto Essex street, the principal business thoroughfare, a key being used, the burglars left by a rear door, which opened into the hallway leading from Lawrence street to the upper floor of the Odd Fellows' block in which the store is located. This door fastened from the inside with a bolt and lock, which set out on the side of the door. The bolt had been shot back and a portion of the lock broken from the door casing by means of a jimmy or some other strong instrument. The door was reached from the store through the basement.

Walter Temple is employed as a night watchman by the company, and he declares that everything was in good order when he left at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Doors and windows were locked securely and there was nothing about the place to arouse suspicion. The watchman keeps a dog with him while on duty, the police say, and this animal is an especially alert one. The police reason that if any one had secreted himself in the store before closing

time Saturday night the dog would have detected his presence during the night.

The Moore company is one of the large department stores of the city and, besides the entire ground floor and basement of the Odd Fellows' block, occupies a portion of the ground floor and second story of the Central building adjoining. Its Saturday business is large, and whoever planned the burglary evidently counted upon making a good-sized haul. The police say they have no clue.

ITS ANNIVERSARY

Highland Cong. Church Observes 25th

Yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the organization of the Highland Congregational church and services appropriate to the day and the occasion were held. An anniversary sermon was preached at the morning service by the pastor, Rev. A. Frederick Dannels. There was good music at both morning and evening services. Concluding his morning sermon, Mr. Dannels said:

"The credit for the work in the up-building of this church is due to many. In the first place are the men and women whose names stand upon the rolls of the church, not of the congregation, but of the church. It has been said that Christ wrote no book, founded no religious society. And that is true. But that he looked forward to the writing of the New Testament cannot be doubted. Out of the life and the teachings of Jesus Christ there was bound to come a visible church, which represents the mind of Christ, as the New Testament does the mind of the Master. The New Testament church is the church Jesus would have in this world. There must be organization to do religious work. So I say to those to whom the first credit is due are the men and women whose names have been upon the rolls of the church for 25 years."

"In the second place there are those who have done religious work in the prayer meetings. In the Sunday school and in the homes. All men and women cannot be called upon to do these works. But there are those who can do such work and who do. Many of you may have seen the gray towers of Westminster church in London, or have looked upon the magnificent dome of St. Peter's in Rome, but you who have done work here may sometime lift your eyes and see something fairer than St. Peter's dome, or the gray towers of Westminster."

"And, in the third place, are those who have supplied material needs, with which work has been carried on here. Material means are necessary. I am not sorry that they are, because spiritual things cost in material values, and so many appreciate them. In the fourth place comes the ministry. Early in the Christian church the ministry became burdened with cares and responsibilities. Peter, the Apostle, singled two widows, so they thought. But it was because he had too much to look after. Then there were appointed deacons to assist in the work, to help in relieving the first pastors. This was to allow them to become concerned alone with the great central things of their ministry. The principal work of the ministry concerns eternal truth. That is all I shall say about the ministry of the church."

"But through it all these who do the most for the church are the men and women of character. Christian character is not a passive thing. It is very active. A very vital part of all church work is personal service. If you are not walking in the path of service then you are not walking with Christ. It costs something to be a servant. It will cost something to be a good man, who is also a servant. Of the 12 apostles 10 died martyrs' deaths."

BIG MEETING

TO PROTEST AGAINST SENTENCE OF LABOR LEADERS

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A movement for a general protest against the action of the supreme court of the District of Columbia in sentencing to imprisonment Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison has been inaugurated by the Chicago Federation of Labor.

The executive board has been authorized to arrange a monster meeting of every local of organized labor in Cook county to be held on the 10th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, Feb. 12. Copies of the resolutions of protest, adopted by the federation will be sent to every city and town throughout the country with the request to hold similar mass meetings.

DIAMOND NOTES

The Philadelphia American League club's new home, the grandest monument yet erected to baseball, costing \$500,000, is completed. When the championship season opens, Philadelphia batters of baseball will witness the great national pastime from the largest, the handsomest and best equipped pavilion and bleachers ever erected to sport in this or any other country.

The pavilion is of French Renaissance style of architecture, with walls of brick and terra cotta trimmings. The mansard roof is of green slate. The lower portion is of reinforced concrete throughout, and the upper pavilion is of steel, wood being used only where unavoidable. The construction is fireproof throughout.

The new grounds have a larger seating capacity than any other in the country. There are 5700 chairs in the lower pavilion and 4500 in the upper, making 10,200 in all. The bleachers, making an allowance of 15 inches to a person, seat 13,000, making the total seating capacity 23,000. But, according to the architects, it is possible for 50,000 persons to witness games on the new grounds.

Across the top of the lower pavilion there is a promenade 14 feet wide, and in the upper pavilion there is another promenade 10 feet wide. With this space filled up, they estimate the capacity of the pavilion at 17,000, while the vast field will hold 20,000 more.

In the lower pavilion the pitch is 5 1/2 inches, that of the upper pavilion, 10 inches. The distance from the front of the field to the back of the columns is 26 inches, insuring an unobstructed view of the field to every person. The exits have been so arranged both from the street side and the field way that the entire place can be emptied within five minutes, even with a crowd of 50,000 persons present.

The distance from the home plate to the right field foul line is 340 feet. The distance from the home plate to the left field foul line is 375 feet. The exact size of the grounds is 485 feet by 520 feet, a greater area than contained in any other ball park in the country.

It is reported that Ben Johnson as a member of the national commission will oppose the reinstatement of Seabring, who is now in the Brooklyn club. But the matter may be compromised if Player Joe Ward can be restored to good standing, as the latter is slated for one of the American League clubs.

The Cleveland Americans have offered \$10,000 cash for pitcher Ed Burns of the Washington Nationals. Burns is the only pitcher in the league who can win the pennant if he lands Burns. But at least one other American league club will make a powerful bid for this promising buster.

Manager Chance is said to be willing to bet \$25,000—not stage money—that Jeffries can whip Johnson.

Ty Cobb says his brother Paul will make a hit in fast company. If he's like Tyrus he'll make several hits.

It is a coincidence of note that two New York managers lost a pennant on the last day of the season. McGraw last year and Griffith in 1904.

Manager Chance of the Cubs says Evers is not bluffing when he declares he is going to quit the game and Chance has signed Denny Shay as utility man.

According to John I. Taylor, he has in Madden, last year with the Portland, Ore. team, a coming backstop. Sure! Madden is coming a long way to join the Boston Americans.

The schedule committee of the two major leagues will meet in Cincinnati next week to go over the arrangements of dates and provide for as few conflicts as possible.

A despatch from St. Louis says the versatile and volatile Rube Waddell played desperately in every game in the football game there Friday night, till knocked out by a blow on the jaw.

BOXING GOSSIP

While Dan Stuart, the Texan who promoted Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight at Carson City, Nev., predicts a wonderful revival in the fighting game from now on until a white man beats Jack Johnson, the new champion, he does not care to deliver a sermon in the promoter's end of the game.

"I've had enough," said Stuart, as he recalled his experience with Corbett and Fitzsimmons, which extended over several states. Texas especially calling an extra session of the legislature to stop the fight after it had advertised and scheduled for Dallas, Stuart's home.

"At that there's going to be a world of money in the fight game for those who will stick to it. The white people will not stop until they get one of their race to beat Johnson. Meanwhile Johnson will play the part of a money maker without going into a serious race."

"He can't be fool enough not to take lessons from the present day type of champion. He may fight for the title in two years, but during that time the north, south, east and west will try to develop a white man to wrest that title away, and the boxing game and the prize money of it will boom as it has boomed in many years."

Jack Wren, the Melbourne boxing promoter, has offered \$50,000 cash to Jim Jeffries, win, lose or draw, if he will meet Jack Johnson in that city next November, and Jeff has positively declined, with the statement that a million dollars could not induce him to re-enter the ring. In Los Angeles they say that Jeffries inwardly would fight Johnson at the drop of the hat, but that he never would enter the arena again. Jeffries is worth \$500,000, it is said, and is making money rapidly, otherwise \$500,000 offer would not induce Mrs. Jeffries to release her husband from his pledge.

Although James Coffroth, the "Fido" fight promoter, has offered to hang up a \$25,000 purse for a twenty-five pound midget between Stanley Keen and Sam Langford, it looks as if Keen would refuse to make the match. Langford has already accepted, and says he will make a side bet that he can knock Keen out inside of ten rounds. Possibly the negro's confidence, coupled with the fact that Big Kid has declined to meet him, has caused Keen's feet turn cold. Jim Barry, who lasted thirty-nine rounds with Keen, says he will make a match with Langford, who has twice in a row been out with consummate ease.

It looks as if there would be a revival of boxing at several of the New York clubs in view of the fact that decisions handed down on Thursday by Justice Sedgwick and Mayor Theobald A. C. in East Twenty-fourth street, which is the largest of the organizations in New York, that a round midget and a heavy middleweight, for next Friday night, Manager White said yesterday that he would proceed to make the most interesting matches and would have the best general of the star prize fight of the year, including the prize of a round house when the midget and middleweight

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MAJOR FREMONT THE LIFE SAVERS

To Appear Before Court Martial Descriptive Story of Work Along the Coast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—A general court martial has been ordered to assemble at Camp Lejeune, N. C., on January 8 to hear charges against Major Francis P. Fremont of the Fifth Infantry, who is accused of making uncomplimentary statements, regarding a brother officer, Major Fremont, one of the best known men in the army. He is a son of General John C. Fremont, famous as "The Pathfinder," and served with distinction in the war with Spain. He was appointed to the military academy from Utah, and his brother is an officer in the navy.

At Hathaway's theatre, yesterday afternoon, Hon. Arthur K. Peck delivered a very interesting and timely illustrated lecture on the lifesaving work along the coast. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Included in the views shown by Mr. Peck were some of the ill-fated steamers Portland. A colored view of the "Reef of Norman's Woe" was shown, and Mr. Peck recited a part of Longfellow's poem, "The Wreck of the Hesperus."

The views were followed by motion pictures of the sea, many of which



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Monday Evening Sale

FROM 6 TO 9:30 O'CLOCK ONLY

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| FEATHER BOAS AND SILK RUFFS..... | \$1.00 |
| Gray, White and Pink Boas, Pink and Navy Blue Ruffs. Regular prices \$3 to \$5..... | Monday Evening Price, \$1 |
| FLEECE-DOWNS (Wash Goods Dept.)..... | 10c Yard |
| Oriental, Pastel Plaids and Stripes, in all colors. Best quality, fine for kimonos and dressing gowns. Regular price 12 1/2c yard. | Monday Evening Price, 10c Yard |
| CREPE DE CHINE SCARFS (Handkerchief Dept.)..... | 50c |
| Cream, Gobiell Blue and Pink. Extra good value at regular price \$1.25..... | Monday Evening Price, 50c |
| YARN (Art Dept.)..... | 6c Skein |
| Fancy colors (no black or white). Full size skein. Regular price 12 1/2c..... | Monday Evening Price, 6c Skein |
| PURE CASTILE SOAP (Toilet Dept.)..... | 6c Cake |
| Large square cakes. Regular price 10c..... | Monday Evening Price, 6c Cake |
| WOMEN'S HAMB'S WOOL SOLES (Shoe Dept.)..... | 18c Pair |
| Peerless pattern. No stitching on bottoms. Heavy wool, sizes 3 to 7. The very best slipper sole made. Regular price 25c..... | Monday Evening Price, 18c Pair |
| MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS..... | 39c |
| Some are Coat Shirts, fine black and colored stripes. Regular price 50c..... | Monday Evening Price, 39c |
| REMNANTS OF DRESS GOODS..... | 12 1/2c Yard |
| Suitable for waists or children's dresses, plain and mixed, in light and dark colors, lengths 1 1/2 to 4 yards. Regular price 25c to 50c yard..... | Monday Evening Price, 12 1/2c Yard |
| WOMEN'S HOSE..... | 15c Pair |
| Plain black and ribbed, with linen heel and toe. Regular price 25c..... | Monday Evening Price, 15c Pair |
| REMNANTS OF LINING CAMBRICS..... | 2 1/2c Yard |
| Mixed or solid. Regular price 5c yard..... | Monday Evening Price, 2 1/2c Yard |
| 129 COPIES POPULAR FICTION AT..... | 19c, or 3 for 50c |
| By leading authors, nicely bound, attractive cover. Regular price 45c. Our Special Price is 25c..... | Monday Evening Price, 19c or 3 for 50c |
| BEAR CLOTH CAPS (Second Floor)..... | 25c |
| White only, round caps with earflaps for children 2 1/2 to 4 years. Regular price 50c..... | Monday Evening Price, 25c |
| CHILDREN'S WHITE FURS..... | 63c Set |
| Muff and Throw, nicely made and very stylish. Regular price 95c..... | Monday Evening Price, 63c |
| BLACK HEATHERBLOOM PETTICOATS..... | \$1.25 |
| General Home made with very deep borders. Regular price \$1.25..... | Monday Evening Price, \$1.25 |
| TOWEL ROLLERS..... | 2c |
| Hand-woven, full size. Regular price 4c..... | Monday Evening Price, 2c |
| BLUE EDGE COTTON CRASH..... | 4c Yard |
| Full width, good weight and bleached. Regular price 6c..... | Monday Evening Price, 4c Yard |

Maker & McCurdy

CORSET SHOP

Special Corset Sale, Monday, Jan. 4

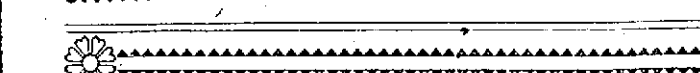
"Free Gift" Sale of Nemo Self-Reducing CORSETS

Buy your Nemo Self-Reducing Corset here now, and receive a FREE GIFT of a dollar's worth of the new "RIP-PROOF" HOSE SUPPORTERS.

Models 318 and 320 only—the two most popular styles. The special lots made for this sale are finished with four of the new "Rip-Proof" Hose Supporters, with patented "Non-Elastic Top"—will not rip, tear or stretch, and are guaranteed to outlast any corset.

These four supporters (attached to the corset) are worth \$1.00; but they're a Free Gift in this sale, for these special Models 318 and 320, with the new Supporters, will be sold at regular price—\$3.00.

Only a few dozens—but all sizes to begin the sale. Be here early. If you wear either No. 318 or No. 320, you may as well get this dollar's worth of Hose Supporters as a free gift.



SPECIAL STOCK REDUCING SALE

Today and Tomorrow

AT WHICH THE LIMIT OF LITTLE PRICES WILL PREVAIL

We Have a Stock of Six Hundred Trimmed Hats

which is twice as many as we should have at this season of the year. We must sell them and we think the prices we shall make on them at this sale will do it.

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| 125 Trimmed Hats, worth \$3.00, for..... | \$1.49 | 100 Trimmed Hats, worth \$9.00, for..... | \$4.49 |
| 150 Trimmed Hats, worth \$5.00, for..... | \$2.49 | 50 Trimmed Hats, worth \$10.00, for..... | \$4.49 |
| 125 Trimmed Hats, worth \$7.00, for..... | \$3.49 | 50 Trimmed Hats, worth \$15.00, for..... | \$6.99 |

Every Hat in the lot is worth two and three times what it is marked for in this sale and they will go quick, so don't get left, but come early and get first choice.

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TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

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LOCAL NEWS

First-class work. Tobin's Printery. Order your card now at Mullin's, 353 Goring street. Best card in the city.

John C. Allen & Sons, glove manufacturers from Gloucester, Vt., sold last week their entire stock of this season's gloves at 40c on the dollar to J. L. Chaffoux Co. The gloves will be on sale next Friday at less than one-half price.

U. S. BATTLESHIPS

SUEZ, Jan. 4.—The battleships Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont, composing the first section of the fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry, started on their passage through the Suez canal at 8 a. m. today. They are due at Port Said late tonight. The weather is magnificent and a large crowd assembled on the Avenue Helwan to witness the spectacle.

The American auxiliary cruiser Panther and the collier Ajax came into port last night.

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Rutland Building, Merrimack Sq. Open day and evening. Tel. 1775-4. Public classes Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Private lessons by appointment.

Hall to let for dancing parties; size of hall 66 by 40; ladies and gents' reception room; rent of hall \$8.00.

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Three reels of new moving pictures.

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GREATEST NEWSPAPER

POISONED CANDY

Sent to Woman in Warwick, R. I.

WARWICK, R. I., Jan. 4.—The sender of a box of poisoned candy received by Mrs. George M. Webb of Pawtucket on New Year's eve is being sought by the police. Mrs. Webb did not eat of the candy, and did not allow any members of the family to touch it, because she says she had been warned by a fortune teller recently to beware of a woman who had designs on her life and was planning to wreck her home.

When the box of candy was left at her residence on Remington street by a messenger whom she did not know, she accepted it at the door, but when, on opening it, she noticed a white substance spread over the chocolates she decided to investigate the matter.

The chocolates were sent to George E. Perkins, a chemist, who analyzed one of those at the top of the box and found they each contained two grains of arsenic, enough to cause death.

The police have been unable to get any clue to the identity of the young man who landed the box of candy.

Mrs. Webb at her door. Mrs. Webb thinks it is the work of a woman whom she doesn't know, but who, she says, recently sent an unsigned letter to Mr. Webb. "The writing on this letter is said to be similar to that on a New Year's card which was in the candy box. The card read as follows:

"Dear One—Please accept a small gift from one who thinks of you often. For you only. Wishing you a happy New Year."

"From an Old Sweetheart."

Up to yesterday the fact of the receipt of the poisoned candy had been kept quiet.

SECRET SERVICE

The Executive Branch Wants All Facts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The executive departments will co-operate with the senate committee on appointments on arriving at the facts regarding the employment of secret service officials in other departments than the treasury and in other work than the ferreting work of counterfeiters. Senator Hale has been told that the executive branch of the government desires that all the facts be understood. The departments are prepared to justify their course in the employment of the men of the service and it now looks as if the inquiry would be directed to the necessity of a general detective bureau in the government service. Request has been made of the treasury, interior and navy departments and of the departments of justice and commerce and labor for full information as to their drafts upon the secret service in their work of uncovering fraud and as soon as the promised replies are received the committee will begin the consideration of the subject. The work of collecting the data in each of these departments is voluminous and there will be some delay in furnishing them.

ECHOES OF THE SEALED PRICE SALE OF THE MERRIMACK CLOTHING CO.

By the way, the merchants and the good people of Lowell have been discussing the Sealed Price Sale at the MERRIMACK. It looks as if it commends itself to the people. It also has attracted the attention of the advertising people of Boston.

Nathaniel Fowler, Jr., who lectured on advertising in Lowell last year, made it a subject of communication to the firm. Mr. Fowler characterizes the Sealed Price Sale as original. He comments especially on its frankness and the plain "Robinson Crusoe" English used in the advertising.

Three things are necessary to make a sale successful: The money, the use for the goods, and the opportunity to buy them right. If the MERRIMACK CLOTHING CO. can connect with the people who have the money and need the goods such as it handles, THE MERRIMACK furnishes the opportunity. It is worth your while to find this out for yourself.

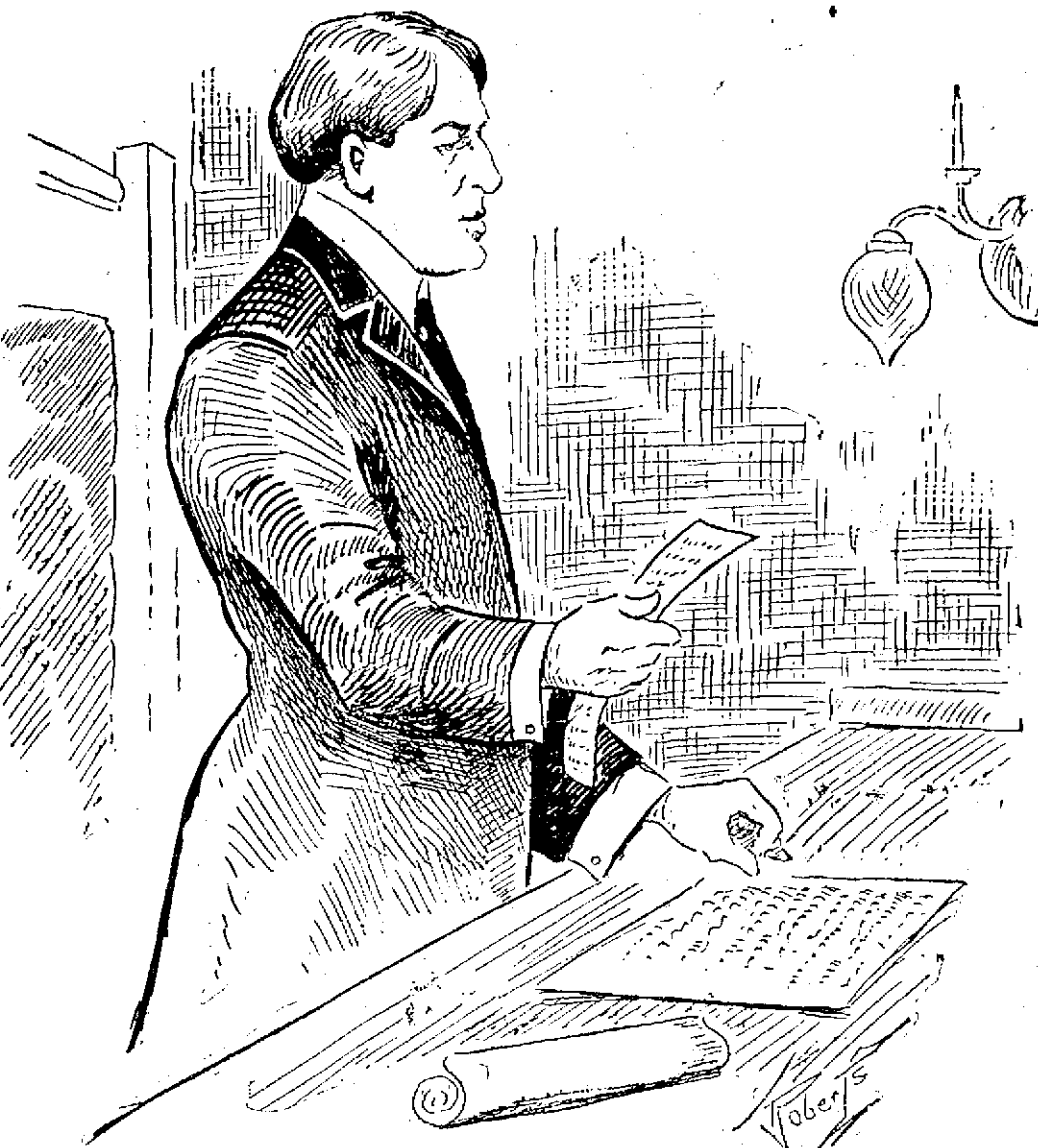
Whether you need a High Grade Overcoat or Suit, you will find them in this sale; in material and workmanship, they are the best produced in the country. The wise ones dropped into THE MERRIMACK Friday and Saturday, and bought what they actually were not suffering for, the goods and the prices were so tempting.

Ladies bought Overcoats for their boys for half the price they paid for similar garments in the fall.

It was the same way in the Underwear, in Shirts and Hats, and Ladies' and Men's Fur Lined Garments.

And the best part of the Sealed Price Sale is that it may be compared to the snowball rolling down hill. It increases as it progresses. People who got the plums on Friday and Saturday were talking about them on Sunday, and when the sale is over, it will leave such a favorable impression in the minds of the people that next year the Sealed Price Sale will have a very significant meaning. The opportunity is yours at the

Merrimack Clothing Co.



MAYOR BROWN DELIVERING HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OFFICERS ELECTED

The regular meeting and annual election of officers of the Portuguese fraternity of the United States branch was held yesterday afternoon in Leather Workers' hall. The officers elected were later installed by Supreme Secretary F. A. Brum of Somerville.

The following officers were chosen: President, Annibal J. Souza; vice president, Jose A. Jesus; treasurer, Francisco P. Mello; recording secretary, James Souza; receiving secretary, Mathias Silva; representatives to the state convention, Mathias Silva, Manuel E. Souza, Domingos J. P. Spiney, Annibal J. Souza, and Francisco P. Mello. The annual convention will be held in Fall River Feb. 1st.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

Of the new true Irish comedians and vocalists now on the American stage, Mr. Charles E. Mack stands in the front rank of his profession. In the absorbing heart story of "Come Back to Erin," the popular greater characters that he has ever played on any stage. Special features will be given of the dancing, his bagpipe playing, and the beautiful airs that he plays with frequency through the play. "Come Back to Erin" with a special scenic production will be the attraction at the opera house on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

YIDDISH PLAYERS
The names of Mme. Regina Prager, the Yiddish Patti, and Mr. K. Juvelier, the Yiddish Caruso, who head the Prager-Juvelier Yiddish company, and who are to appear at the opera house on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, are well known outside of those who understand the Yiddish dialect.

"PAID IN FULL"
The names of the most intensely human play that Boston has seen, it is telling in every detail, it never misses fire. Charles N. Young, dramatic editor of the Boston Traveler, paid this tribute to Eugene Walter's local theatre. It is a noteworthy fact that "Paid in Full" is one of the very few plays which was enunciated from the critics and the public without exception. Frequently the dramas that score the greatest successes are built of such fabric that the critics are inclined to pick holes in it. "Paid in Full" is of no good stuff that even the critics concede that it is one of the greatest and one of the most interesting plays of the time. Of course the public long ago made up its mind on this point.

The success of "Paid in Full" in New York it ran for two years. It was only recently that the play left Broadway, to be taken to Boston, then through New England, afterwards back to New York. It is the New York and Boston company that local playgoers will see when "Paid in Full" is presented at the opera house, Jan. 7, 8 and 9, with a Saturday matinee. It is a specially selected cast, assembled with great care by the Wagenhals & Kemper Co., producers of "Paid in Full." It includes Guy Bates Post, Julia Dean, Ben Johnson, William Riley, Hatch, Hattie Russell, Lella Smith and John Arthur. "Paid in Full" is a play which every theatre patron here will feel in duty bound to see, with the certainty of ample repayment in this famous drama of contemporaneous American life.



SCENE FROM "PAID IN FULL"

O'Sullivan Bros. Co.

JANUARY SALE

We wish to emphasize the fact that this offering of ours is not in line with the customary Bargain Sales usually flaunted before the public at this time of the year.

You'll find in large cities of the country, such as New York and Boston, certain reputable business houses that make it a practice, at intervals, to clean up the broken lots of high grade goods in their stock of merchandise, which their regular patrons have been in the habit of buying.

The simple announcement of such a sale is all that is required because the people know their goods are of standard quality, and they flock to get a part of the good things offered.

This is our position—we never deal in inferior footwear. Shoes that were never worth more than one dollar would be no bargain as a tail-ender at fifty cents.

Tomorrow we will give the names of the makers, so that you can have some idea of their value—then you can compare the prices with what you have been in the habit of paying.

Wednesday Morning at 9 o'clock the sale will begin, prompt to the minute.

O'Sullivan Bros. Co.

OPP. CITY HALL

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The patrons of the Academy who have witnessed the excellent performances given by the Dramagraph stock company, the picture sensation of the age, will be pleased to learn that the management has decided to continue the engagement despite the great expense involved and this week the company will be seen for the first half of the week in the powerful and up-to-date dramatic offering "The Power of Labor," while for the remaining half "All's Fair in Love and War" will be the attraction for this feature of the bill. The Dramagraph company rehearses its play even as in the straight drama, and hence there are never any slips or waits in a performance. In presenting the plays great care is also given in regard to detail even as in the real play itself and where last week the stage was crowded behind the screen with small property men who furnished the "chorus" for the "Bad Boys" companion, their places will be taken this week by husky men who will be the "supers" in the scenes depicted in "The Power of Labor." The Dramagraph stock company consists of six clever actors and actresses, a stage manager and a property man, and between them and the pictures one of the most unique and interesting entertainments ever afforded on the professional stage is given. In addition to the Dramagraph company there will be the usual three reels of moving pictures on up-to-date subjects and with nothing that will offend or have an evil influence on the juvenile mind. Miss Grace Hawthorne, the charming soprano, and Mr. Frank Rouse, the sweet tenor singer, will be heard in illustrated songs. Prof. Whitney, an eminent pianoforte artist from Boston, begins an engagement with the week and he will present an unusually attractive musical program including the latest New York hit, Whitmark's "Busy Bee." The price of admission remains at 10c with all seats free and children half price.

THEATRE LA SCALA

Today the Theatre La Scala offers a picture entitled "The Shepheard Valley," made by Selig in Chicago which is promised will be the best American historical picture ever shown. Special preparations were made for the taking of this picture, large numbers of cavalry were engaged and the star roles were given to actors who were daring riders. The story told by the picture is not only historical but it has a sentimental interest that will please everyone who sees it. In addition to the star picture there will be several comedies and dramatic story pictures with the usual pleasing illustrated songs.

STAR THEATRE

"The Miser's Gold" is the talking picture at the Star theatre, being presented for the first time this afternoon. There are many beautiful scenes in this picture. The characters speak. It is like seeing a play. The Star theatre is the home of talking pictures. A complete change of program went into effect this afternoon, including new illustrated songs.

NO STATEMENT FROM RECEIVERS
ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 4.—President Atkinson and Vice President Wright of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlanta railroad appointed receivers of the property by Judge Pardee Saturday returned to Atlanta last night from Boston where they had been to consult with the bondholders. At the conclusion of the lengthy conference last night the announcement was made that the receivers had no statement to give out, but it is probable that an official statement would be issued today.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

JULIUS CAHN, Prop.

THURS., FRI., and SAT., Jan. 7-8-9, MATINEE SATURDAY

The Wagenhals & Kemper Co.

Present Eugene Walter's

Great American Play

"Absorbingly interesting—Worthy of its fame—Irresistible."—Chas. S. Howland in the Globe.

"Of engrossing interest—Interest kept up throughout."—Phillip Hale in the Herald.

"A play that shouldn't be missed—Audience eager to see it again."—T. W. Harkins in the Journal.

"Closely holds audience from beginning to end—Will please everybody."—Edw. H. Crosby in the Post.

"Most intensely human play Boston has seen"—Chas. N. Young in the Traveler.

"Truly stirring—Drives across the footlights"—H. T. Parker in the Transcript.

Direct from the Colonial Theatre, Boston, with cast that ran 2 years in New York.

PRICES—25c TO \$1.50—Seats Now on Sale